COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The facilities of Norwell Public Schools are the property of the citizens of Norwell. As such, school facilities, including the Clipper Community Complex, should be available, on a permit basis, to town-affiliated organizations and sports groups and also town community organizations and individuals for appropriate use when not needed for their designated educational purposes. In addition, Norwell's schools have state-of-the-art technology labs, auditoriums, classrooms, libraries and athletic facilities that may be desirable for non-Norwell groups to rent. In all cases, school activities always have priority over non-school activities, and Norwell organizations and groups have priority over non-Norwell organization and groups, and all individuals, and all forprofit individuals and organizations.

To facilitate the processing of requests to use the facilities, the following categories, in priority order, have been established:

Group 1 First Priority: Norwell Public Schools' clubs, teams, and organizations.

Group 2 Second Priority: Norwell school-related organizations such as PTOs, and booster clubs; the Norwell Education Foundation; Norwell Recreation Department and other Town Departments.

Group 3 Third Priority: Norwell based youth approved organizations recognized by the Recreation Department; Norwell not-for-profit clubs and organizations.

Group 4 Fourth Priority: Non-profit with proof of status.

Group 5 Fifth Priority: Individuals, non-Norwell organizations and groups, and all forprofit individuals and organizations.

In addition, in cases of emergencies and disasters, Town approved relief agencies and organizations may use school facilities at no charge.

The School Committee has established and will review and update, on a periodic basis, fees charged for facility use. The Administration is hereby directed to develop appropriate regulations and procedures to implement this policy and update it as needed. Additionally the administration is hereby authorized to interpret policy to establish reasonable fees for non listed facilities and groupings.

CROSS REF: KBF: School-Sponsored Organizations

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