

Timberwolves Stadium Facility Use

I. Purpose

Timberwolves Stadium is the district's premier outdoor athletic venue and represents a significant public investment. The stadium was constructed to provide a first-class competition venue for district interscholastic athletics and other approved events while preserving its quality, safety, functionality, and appearance for future generations.

Accordingly, use of Timberwolves Stadium shall prioritize stewardship and preservation of the facility over maximizing the frequency or volume of use. Access shall be managed to support the facility's intended purpose, protect its long-term condition, and ensure responsible use of district resources.

This procedure implements Board Policy 4261 and supplements Procedure 4261P with requirements specific to Timberwolves Stadium. Policy 4260 and Procedure 4260P otherwise remain applicable to use of the stadium. Where this procedure establishes a more specific requirement for Timberwolves Stadium, this procedure controls.

II. Approval of Use

The Superintendent or designee may approve uses of Timberwolves Stadium consistent with Board policy and this procedure. In determining whether to approve or condition a proposed use, the Superintendent or designee may consider:

- District educational and program priorities;
- Preservation and availability of the facility;
- Safety, security, staff, and supervision;
- Scheduling and operational requirements;
- Attendance and anticipated intensity of use;
- Financial impact and community benefit;
- Parking, traffic, noise, neighboring properties, and other community impacts;
- The applicant's previous history of facility use; and
- Other factors reasonably necessary to protect district interests, the facility, and its users.

Approval of one event does not establish a precedent or entitlement to approval of the same or similar uses in the future. Decisions of the Superintendent or designee may be appealed as provided in Procedure 4260P.

III. District Use

District-sponsored middle school and high school athletic competitions shall receive scheduling priority during their respective seasons.

The stadium is intended primarily as a competition venue rather than a daily practice facility. Athletic practices may be permitted when reasonably necessary to support competition, athlete familiarization or preparation, or other purposes approved by the Superintendent or designee consistent with preservation and availability of the facility. District graduation ceremonies and other district-sponsored ceremonies and special events may be conducted at the facility.

Routine instructional activities, physical education classes, recreational activities, and other activities that do not require use of the stadium should generally occur at other district facilities unless specifically approved by the Superintendent or designee.

IV. Community Use

Community use of Timberwolves Stadium may be permitted when compatible with district needs, the intended purpose of the facility, and its preservation. Requests for community use shall be submitted and processed in accordance with Procedure 4260P, this Procedure, and any additional application requirements established for Timberwolves Stadium. The district may require information concerning the proposed activity, anticipated attendance, equipment, staffing, security, insurance, parking, concessions, or other matters relevant to evaluating the proposed use.

V. Facility Preservation and Restrictions

All users shall conduct activities in a manner that protects the condition, safety, appearance, availability, and long-term functionality of Timberwolves Stadium. The Superintendent or designee may limit, suspend, relocate, or cancel use because of weather, maintenance, field recovery, safety concerns, construction or repairs, manufacturer recommendations, or other circumstances affecting the condition or availability of the facility.

To protect Timberwolves Stadium, the following are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent or designee:

- Operation of unauthorized motorized vehicles within the stadium complex;
- Metal cleats or other footwear not approved for the applicable playing surface;
- Driving stakes, posts, or other objects into the artificial turf;
- Activities likely to damage the playing surface, running track, or supporting infrastructure;
- Open flames, fireworks, or pyrotechnics;
- Sunflower seeds, chewing gum, or other products that create excessive debris, staining, or maintenance concerns;
- Unauthorized commercial activity;
- Unauthorized alterations to the facility; and
- Any activity that, in the reasonable judgment of the Superintendent or designee, presents an unreasonable risk of injury, property damage, or impairment of the facility's intended use or condition.

Animals are prohibited within the stadium complex except as permitted by law or specifically authorized by the Superintendent or designee. Service animals shall be permitted as required by applicable law.

Tobacco, nicotine products, alcohol, cannabis, and illegal drugs are prohibited in accordance with applicable law and district policy.

Only district-authorized maintenance equipment approved for use on synthetic athletic surfaces may operate on the playing surface or running track.

VI. User Responsibilities

All approved users shall:

- Comply with applicable laws, district policies and procedures, facility rules, and the terms of any facility use agreement;
- Follow reasonable directions of district personnel;
- Provide appropriate supervision of participants, spectators, and activities;
- Exercise reasonable care to protect district property;
- Promptly report damage, safety concerns, or other significant incidents;
- Leave the facility in the condition required by the district; and
- Be financially responsible for damage or extraordinary cleanup resulting from the user's activities, misuse, or negligence.

All use of Timberwolves Stadium shall also comply with applicable occupancy, fire, life-safety, accessibility, and emergency-access requirements. The district may

establish event-specific requirements for emergency medical services, security, crowd management, evacuation, emergency vehicle access, communication, or other safety measures based upon the nature, size, attendance, and risk of the proposed event.

VII. Fees and Costs

The Superintendent shall establish and may periodically update a fee schedule for use of Timberwolves Stadium.

In addition to applicable facility use fees, users may be responsible for costs associated with staffing, supervision, security, custodial services, field preparation, equipment, utilities, emergency services, cleanup, or other services reasonably required for the proposed use.

The district may require a refundable damage deposit in an amount reasonably related to the nature, size, and risk of the proposed use.

Any waiver or reduction of fees shall be consistent with Board policy and applicable fee schedules.

VIII. Insurance and Risk Management

Third-party users shall provide insurance and other risk protections as required by the district based on the nature and risk of the proposed use. The district may require additional or higher insurance coverage, indemnification, proof of additional insured status, or other reasonable risk-management protections as a condition of approval.

IX. Facility Use Agreement

Third-party use of Timberwolves Stadium shall be subject to a written facility use agreement approved by the district. The facility use agreement may establish event-specific terms and conditions reasonably necessary to address the nature and risks of the proposed use. The facility use agreement does not waive compliance with applicable law, Board policy, district procedures, or facility rules.

X. Enforcement

The Superintendent or designee may deny, suspend, revoke, or terminate approval for facility use when reasonably necessary to enforce district requirements or protect the district, facility, participants, spectators, or public.

Users may be held financially responsible for repair, replacement, cleanup, staffing, or other costs resulting from violations, misuse, negligence, or damage attributable to their activities.

Organizations or individuals who violate district requirements or the terms of a facility use agreement may be denied future use of Timberwolves Stadium.

Adopted: **09/26**

Revised Dates: