

**WASHINGTON PARK
PASSIVE RECREATION USE AREAS
AMENDMENT TO PARK USE RULES AND REGULATIONS
AND ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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The Park Use Rules and Regulations for the Denver Department of Parks and Regulation (“DPR”), as adopted May 11, 2012, are hereby amended to add the following provision regarding Passive Recreation Use Areas (“PRUA’s”) and their regulation (“PRUA Regulation”):

1. Purpose: The purpose of this PRUA Regulation is the protection and management of public health and safety, as well as public park land, and to assure fair and equitable use of Washington Park by all patrons. High levels of active recreational use of Washington Park, particularly on weekends and holidays during the warm seasons, have resulted in public conflicts and misconduct in Washington Park. It also causes significant wear and tear on portions of the turf inside the park. This PRUA Regulation is necessary to reduce, if not eliminate, these conflicts, misconduct and park damage, and to allow effective enforcement by park rangers and police.

2. Rules: The following rules shall be applicable within Washington Park on Saturdays, Sundays, and City-recognized holidays from April 1st through September 31st of every year:

A. No Team Sport Activities in PRUA’s: The arranging or conducting of a Team Sport Activity, as defined below, in a PRUA or multiple PRUA’s designated by the DPR Executive Director (“Director”) within Washington Park is not allowed. For the purposes of this Regulation, "Team Sport Activity" shall mean football, rugby, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, softball, baseball, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, volleyball, or similar active, higher intensity recreation uses involving team sports. The location of PRUA’s within Washington Park can be changed, reconfigured or relocated at the discretion of the Director.

B. Exception: Events or specific activities for which a permit has been issued by DPR or a contract with the City has been entered authorizing the events or specific activities, including Team Sport Activities, within a Passive Recreation Use Area, so long as there is compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit or contract.

C. Notice of PRUA’s: The location of PRUA’s within Washington Park will be delineated by visible markings or stakes on the ground, with signs posted indicating that only “passive recreation use” is allowed in these PRUA’s and that Team Sport Activities are prohibited. All persons must comply with the requirements or restrictions set forth on any signs posted by DPR within Washington Park regarding PRUA’s. This shall include, but not be limited to, failure or refusal to cease play of Team Sport Activities and to vacate the area when Park Rangers, Denver Police or DPR staff direct that Team Sport Activities play be ceased and the PRUA vacated.

D. Cleats and spikes are prohibited shoe wear in any PRUA in Washington Park.

3. Enforcement: The PRUA Regulation may be enforced under the authority granted under section 39-1(b), D.R.M.C., by means of administrative citations issued under the authority granted under section 39-1(c), D.R.M.C.

4. **Administrative Citation Fine:** The Administrative Citation Rules and Regulations for the Denver Department of Parks and Regulations, as adopted May 11, 2012, are hereby amended with respect to Attachment B (Penalty Fines) to add the following fine for violation of section 39-1(b), D.R.M.C., with respect to the PRUA Regulation:

Section 39-1(b)	Violation of PRUA Regulation	\$150.00
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The existing provisions in Attachment B pertaining to a second offense within one year and a third offense within one year shall be applicable to violations of the PRUA Regulation.

This Amendment to the Park Use Rules and Regulations and this Amendment to the Administrative Citations Rules and Regulations (jointly, the "Amendments") have been duly adopted effective this 10 day of March, 2015, in accordance with the rule-making requirements of section 39-2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code and are in accordance with the authority of the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Parks and Recreation under section 2.4.4 of the Denver City Charter.

In accordance with section 39-2(e), D.R.M.C., copies of these Amendments were filed with the Denver Clerk and Recorder and the Denver City Attorney within seven (7) days of the effective date set out above, and a notice of the adoption of these Amendments was published in Denver Daily Journal on the 12th day of March, 2015. The notice included a statement that a copy of the Amendments is on file with the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation and is available for public inspection.


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