

The Centerville-Washington Park District's primary source of revenue is property taxes paid by Centerville and Washington Township residents. In order to maintain safe field conditions and to meet the needs of Centerville/Washington Township residents the Park District has instituted the following field eligibility policy.

This policy encompasses all recognized youth athletic leagues as well as independent teams and organizations as determined by the Park District. Recognized leagues include Centerville Baseball League, Noon Optimist Sof-T-Ball, Wee Elk Football Association, Centerville United Soccer Association, and Centerville City School District. **All recognized organizations must meet an overall rate of 75% residents of Centerville or Washington Township. In addition, all teams utilizing Park District facilities must meet a team residency rate of no less than 20% of the roster maximum for that age group.** Teams with fewer than 20% Centerville/Washington Township residents will not be permitted to utilize Park District facilities.

An exception is made for high school age teams that are a member of one of the Park District's recognized youth athletic leagues because the Ohio High School Athletic Association restricts the number of players for a high school team on a club team. They will not be counted when calculating the overall residency rate for the league. This OHSAA bylaw is not in effect June 1-July 31. For more details, see <http://www.ohsaa.org/general/about/Bylaws.pdf>. These high school teams must still meet a team residency rate of no less than 20% residents to use Park District facilities.

To verify residency, coaches and/or organizations MUST submit team rosters to the Park District complete with team name and number, coach's name and contact information, and players' last name and address. Rosters must be received by the established deadline before field space will be granted to any organization and/or team. All rosters will be checked for accuracy utilizing Montgomery County property records and/or the Washington Township street map to verify residence in the City of Centerville or Washington Township. Teams not meeting this established policy and/or found to be falsifying information will be denied field space. Misleading information may be grounds for refusal of field space for an indefinite period of time. New teams, leagues or organizations may petition the Park District for recognition by submitting complete rosters and administration contact information.

In conjunction with this Field Eligibility Policy, a scheduling priority has been established. The priority is as follows:

- 1st Priority: Recognized leagues with 100% Residents
- 2nd Priority: Recognized Leagues with fewer than 100% Residents
- 3rd Priority: Returning Independent Teams/Organizations with 51% or more residents per team
- 4th Priority: New Independent Teams/Organizations with 51% or more residents per team
- 5th Priority: Returning Independent Teams/Organizations with 20 - 50% residents per team
- 6th Priority: New Independent Teams/Organizations with 20 - 50% residents per team

A fee will be charged for all teams with 20 - 50% residents per team. Please refer to the Park District fee schedule. Teams with fewer than 20% Centerville/Washington Township residents will not be permitted to utilize Park District facilities.

Because of the increasing demand for field space, the Park District will release available dates and times to independent teams following the completion of all recognized organization scheduling. This policy has been established in order to meet the needs of all Centerville/Washington Township residents. If you need clarification or have any questions, please contact the Park District at (937) 433-5155.