

***Rules Governing the Use of Parks, Playgrounds and  
Recreation Facilities of the Town of Belmont***

The following rules are promulgated by the Town of Belmont Board of Selectmen acting in their capacity as the Board of Park Commissioners and the Recreation Commission, acting jointly pursuant to Article 18.8 of the Town of Belmont General By-Laws, to govern the use of parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities within the Town of Belmont.

- Prohibited Activity

No person shall, in or upon the parks, playgrounds, or recreation facilities within the Town of Belmont:

- Enter or remain between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless carrying upon his or her person a permit issued by or under the direction of the Recreation Commission.
- Play or practice golf.
- Before 7 a.m., engage in outdoor recreational activity that requires a player or observer to call out loud to others, requires a player to strike a ball on a surface, requires a player to kick or strike a ball, or otherwise causes substantial noise, *except* that tennis play or practice is permitted at the Belmont High School tennis courts starting at 6 a.m.
- Engage in any activity upon a tennis court other than tennis play or practice.
- Fail to yield completely a field or court to a group or person who displays a permit, issued by or under the direction of the Recreation Commission, for the use of that field or court.
- Allow a dog under his or her control to enter or remain, unless carrying upon his or her person a permit issued by or under the direction of the Recreation Commission.
- Allow a dog under his or her control to enter or remain within play areas set aside for small children (also known as “tot lots”), regardless of the possession of a permit issued by or under the direction of the Recreation Commission.

2 Enforcement and Penalties Authorized

- 2.01 Any enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of these rules may require the violator to provide his or her name and address. No person shall

refuse or fail to provide his or her name and address upon the request of an enforcing person.

- 2.02 Any enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of these rules, or having cause to believe any crime has been committed, may order the violator to leave the park, playground, or recreational facility immediately and remain off for a period of 24 hours. No person upon receiving such order shall refuse or fail immediately to leave the park, playground, or recreational facility or, having left, no person shall enter before the 24 hours period has expired.
- 2.03 Pursuant to Town of Belmont General By-Laws Article 18.8, any violation of these rules shall be punished by a fine of \$100, or may in the alternative be enforced by non-criminal disposition as provided in Chapter 40, Section 21D, of the General Laws ("Section 21 D"). The penalty under said Section 21 D for such violation shall be \$50 for each offense.
- 2.04 An enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of any rule may give the offender a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court having jurisdiction thereof for the non-criminal disposition thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 D. The provisions of Section 21 D are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2.05 "Enforcing person" shall mean any police officer of the Town and any other Town employee designated by the Board of Park Commissioners or the Recreation Commission as an enforcing person.