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Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation Athletic Field Assignment *Youth Sports Provider Agreements Ensure Fair Use of CCPR Fields*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 24, 2018 – Recent questions about the use of athletic fields has prompted the Board of County Commissioners to notify the public on the procedures for assigning athletic fields through the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation (CCPR). Over the past year, CCPR has worked with local youth sports organizations to create the Youth Sports Provider Agreement (YSPA) to facilitate requests for athletic field use by private organizations.

County-owned athletic fields serve all county residents. Calvert County currently provides field usage at no cost to all user groups as requested and when available. The YSPA ensures this remains the case for organizations that provide recreational opportunities to Calvert County youth and refines the process to secure athletic fields for private organizations. The agreement outlines priorities for scheduling, with CCPR programs taking first priority due to the importance of providing low-cost recreational programs to all.

Private youth sports organizations are required to sign the YSPA to avoid confusion about athletic field assignment and to codify the relationship with CCPR while ensuring due diligence in providing services to the youth of Calvert County.

To ensure the needs of all county residents are met, CCPR uses the following priority ranking for the use of county-owned or operated field space.

1. Calvert County operated or contracted programs
2. Board of Education (BOE) activities at facilities specified in BOE/county government memorandum of understanding (MOU)

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3. Youth sports providers (recreational sports programs) with approved agreement
4. Youth sports providers (travel/competitive sports programs) with approved agreement
5. BOE activities not specified in BOE MOU
6. Non-profit youth organizations offering recreational sports
7. Non-profit youth organizations offering travel (competitive) sports
8. Governmental agencies
9. Private school programs

Calvert County Government remains supportive of youth initiatives in the county and must consider all constituents when assigning athletic fields. CCPR continues to identify additional youth sport recreation facilities to accommodate the growing demand for athletic fields. Areas such as Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park in Dunkirk and the planned 100-acre park in Lusby demonstrate ongoing efforts to meet growing demand. For more please contact CCPR Director Shannon Nazzal at Shannon.Nazzal@calvertcountymd.gov or 410-535-1600, ext. 2224. Like Calvert County Government on Facebook.

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