

Notice of Potential Additional Fees

The club has been informed by the City of Parkland of the city's intention to enforce provisions in its Sports Policy related to the percentage of out-of-city participants in city sports programs. Why this is happening and what the club leadership is doing about this is explained below.

By accepting a roster position and registering with PSC, you acknowledge that there may be one additional payment for approximately \$100 that you will be obligated to pay.

FAQ

Why is this occurring?

Per Parkland policy, when there is a single team in an age group, that team must contain at least 50% Parkland residents. When there are multiple teams in an age group, each additional team must maintain 70% Parkland residents.

Why an additional fee?

The remedy for teams that do not meet the resident requirement is for the city to charge a field rental fee. Based on '18-'19 rosters, the charge per player would have been \$76. There is no way of knowing what the fees for '19-'20 will be until rosters are set.

Why was this not an issue in the past?

Rules related to the percentage of players that must be Parkland residents used to be applied on a club level (i.e., all of PSC's teams combined) and we were able to satisfy these requirements. These rules were changed in 2018 to apply at the team/age group level. Some teams qualify and some teams don't.

How will PSC pay these fees?

Any cost of renting fields will be spread among all of the club's players equally. We are one club and we don't treat players differently based on their address.

Does the Non-resident player card cover this expense?

No. This fee is completely separate from the non-resident player card. All non-residents, regardless of whether the field fee is assessed to all players or not, MUST purchase a City of Parkland non-resident sports card. The club will enforce this policy 100% for the upcoming season.

What is the club leadership doing about this?

Members of the Board of Directors and the Travel Leadership Committee have had multiple meetings with Parkland staff and elected officials. The staff is doing their best to work with us and have been very helpful and supportive. However, they cannot change policy. Several commissioners and the mayor have been made aware of this situation. Our position to them is that the change from "organization" to "team" created severe, unintended consequences and threatens our ability to provide a valuable service to the city and created an unintended tax for

Parkland residents. We have support, and the political process to make the requested change has started.

What happens next?

Through conversations with city staff and leaders, the political process to place this item on the city council agenda has started. If we are successful in changing language of the sports policy, there may not be a need for an additional payment. However, until any new language is passed, we will not know exactly what, if any, fees will be required.

What can you do to help?

We are not asking for political involvement from Parkland residents **at this time**. The club is confident that this item will make it on to a city council agenda at some point in the next few months. When there is a specific agenda item to advocate for, we will inform the club community and ask for your help in expressing your opinion to your city representatives. We feel a coordinated effort, on a specific agenda item will have more impact.