

# Board Policy and Administrative Procedure

# Community Use of Schools # 400.05

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## POLICY STATEMENT:

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (the "Board" or "BHNCDSB") believes in building positive relationships and partnerships with our parishes, parents, and communities. The Board acknowledges that educational facilities are an integral part of the community and as such add to the spiritual, educational, recreational, and social development of those who share it. The Board strives to ensure usage is fair, reasonable, and equitable.

It is the intent of the Board to have its facilities used in the best interests of the community, when they are not required for school or Board purposes. The use of Board facilities must be complementary to the goals and beliefs of the Board.

## **APPLICATION AND SCOPE:**

This Policy and Administrative Procedure establishes guidelines for school administrators, staff and community stakeholders for the use of Board facilities and applies to all elementary and secondary schools and administrative buildings.

#### **REFERENCES:**

- The Education Act
- Ministry of Education Community Use of Schools, Program Principles.
- Smoke-Free Ontario Act
- R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 834, S.1. Re: Critical Injury

#### FORMS:

• Not-For-Profit Status Application

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Critical Injury:** For the purposes of the Act and the Regulation, critically injured means an injury of a serious nature that places life in jeopardy, produces unconsciousness, results in a substantial loss of blood, involves the fracture of a leg or arm, but not a finger or a toe, involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot, but not a finger or a toe, consists of burns to a major part of the body, or causes the loss of sight in an eye.

**Permit Supervisor:** Permit supervisor shall be the person designated by the Permit Holder to be the representative present at the permit location. The designated person shall be over the age of 18 years.

**Catholic Churches / Parishes:** Any Roman Catholic Church, within the Dioceses of Hamilton, London and St. Catherine's, and defined as one in Union with the See of Rome.

**BHNCDSB Employee Recreation Groups:** A minimum of 70% of the user group must be employed by the Board to qualify for the subsidized hourly rental rates. The Board reserves the right to request a list of users from permit holders to ensure that the group is meeting the minimum standard.

Permit Holder: The person or organization named on the on the Community Use of School permit.



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**School Year:** For the purposes of this Policy and Administrative Procedure, the school year begins on the first Monday following Labour Day in September until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Historical Booking:** Booking from any classification of user group that have been booking with the Board for three (3) or more consecutive years at the same facility and time. In situations such as priority school bookings and providing equitable access to facilities for all groups may result in the denial of a historical booking application status.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:

#### 1. Classification of Users Groups

#### Type 1: Joint Use of Facility Agreement

Joint Use of Facility Agreement (JUFA) partners for the purpose of offering recreational and/or cultural programs on behalf of the municipality available to all residents of the local community. This does not include tournaments.

#### Type 1 – A: Non-Profit Youth

Non-profit entities or other public agencies that use school facilities; whose primary purpose is to provide programs and/or services that are designed and operated to advance the academic success and healthy lifestyles of youth (under the age of 18 or 28, for those participants under a disability) in the community, i.e., Cubs, Scouts, Brownies or groups donating to the BHNCDSB in the amount greater than the fee charged for the use of the facility. School alumni activities sanctioned by the school administrator.

The Board reserves the right to review activities and approved financial statements of all non-profit groups to support their not-for-profit status.

#### Type 1 - B: Non-Profit Adult

Non-profit entities or other public agencies that use school facilities; whose primary purpose is to provide programs and/or services that serve the local neighborhood or community, but are not explicitly designed and operated to advance the academic success and healthy lifestyles of the children in the school and where zero or nominal admission or participation fees are charged. Not for Profit organizations that are not specifically for youth, i.e., YMCA, St. John's Ambulance, approved Health Unit activities, short-term use by municipal emergency services.

#### Type 2: Non-Profit Other

Fundraising events, non-Catholic Church services, service club meetings, amateur drama clubs, non-affiliated community groups, local cultural groups, other educational groups, i.e., colleges and universities, tournaments, Union/Federation events, school alumni activities not sanctioned by the school administrator, non-affiliated adult recreation.

#### Type 3: Commercial or Private User

Commercial enterprises, professional theater, Non-Catholic church services, private individuals, private fitness and dance instructional groups.

#### Type 4: BHNCDSB and Associated User

Student and/or staff events sanctioned by the school administrator, school clubs, school council, administrative or other staff meeting, sporting teams and clubs, and Catholic Church and Catholic Church affiliated group events. This also includes municipal, provincial, or federal polling stations, which covers direct expenses incurred by the Board (i.e., custodial, security, etc.) and public health use (i.e., immunizations, screening).



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#### Type 5: Non-Profit Priority Schools

Non-profit youth related community groups, non-profit children's recreation providers (not including tournaments), other not-for-profit or charitable groups as defined by the Ministry of Education. The permit type is dependent on funding received by the Ministry of Education. If funding is paused or retracted, permits will be processed according to the appropriate classification of user groups.

#### Type 6: Reciprocal User

Non-profit childcare, EarlyON Child and Family Programs and Before and After School Children's Recreation Providers as outlined by an agreement. These do not include tournaments or special events, or spaces not outlined in their agreement with the Board.

### 2. Applications and Permits

Ontario's schools are community hubs where all people can gather to learn and participate in a range of activities offered by community organizations. In an effort to create affordable access to community facilities, the Ministry of Education has developed the Community Use of Schools grant, which allows the Board to provide subsidized rental rates for not-for-profit groups to use school facilities outside of regular school hours.

The Board will endeavour to make available to the public; facilities and premises for all educational or lawful purposes, which are consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and must be complementary to the goals and beliefs of the Board.

Schools are typically available for public use during the following hours:

- School days: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Non-school days: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Board has a tiered approval system through the online Community Use of Schools Program. Community groups must complete an Online Application to use school facilities. Applications should be submitted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the requested activity:

- 1. A new user to the online booking system must create an account with all required information and login.
- 2. An email will then be forwarded to the email address provided to activate your account. If requesting a new permit as part of a larger community group with several permit holders, the email message may be forwarded to the "leader" of the community group to verify the new user's role within that community group.
- 3. Once the account has been activated, new permits may be created.
- 4. For new permits, all information required regarding the new permit must be completed (i.e., category, date(s), time(s), reoccurrences, school, spaces to be used, event supervisors, special instructions, comments to the custodian, etc.) and save and close the permit.
- 5. Review the permit once again for accuracy, i.e., correct dates / times, etc., to avoid Change Permit Fees after the permit has received final approval and has been locked.
- 6. Once the permit has been saved, it is placed in a *pending* category.
- 7. The Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary will review the booking to ensure that all details are complete (i.e., there are no conflicts regarding the category, date(s), time(s) or space(s) required, review permit costs and include any additional costs regarding, extra custodial time, insurance, water flushing, etc.) and include comments regarding special instructions or comments for the custodian or permit holder and approve or deny the booking.
- 8. If the permit is denied, the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary will provide a reason for the denial in the comments section for the permit holder.
- 9. If the permit is approved by the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary, details regarding the booking will then be forwarded to the administrator of the school where the booking will occur.
- 10. The school administrator will review the booking, make any comments, if required, and approve or deny the booking.



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- 11. If the booking is denied, the school administrator will provide a reason for the denial in the comments section for the permit holder.
- 12. If the permit is approved by the school administrator, it will be returned to the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary for final review and approval.
- 13. The Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary will grant final approval only when all information is completed, a valid Certificate of Insurance has been obtained and proof of licensing (where applicable) has been received from the permit holder. Payment is due upon approval of the permit.
- 14. Once the permit has received final approval, an email is forwarded to the permit holder informing them that their permit has been *approved and locked*.
- 15. When a permit has been approved and locked, the permit holder is no longer able to make changes to the permit. Permit changes can only be made by the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary and applicable Change Permit fees will apply.

All inquiries, concerns and/or complaints should be directed to the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary at <u>cus@bhncdsb.ca</u>. A permit holder can check the status of their permit by using the Board's Online Booking system at any time.

Beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending September 15<sup>th</sup>, permit holders may submit, for approval, no more than two (2) bookings per week per rental facility to ensure all community members and groups equal opportunity to access Board-owned facilities. Beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>, permit holders may submit, for approval, additional bookings per week per rental facility.

The Board reserves the right to revoke a booking/permit at any time. The Board, schools, and Roman Catholic Churches have first right to all Board-owned facilities and their right to use a booking space can supersede an existing request for permit; if necessary. In addition, the Board must comply with the terms and conditions under the Election Act for use of Board-owned facilities by federal, provincial, and municipal governments. Election permits will take precedent over all other permits. All fees will be refunded for the period of school, Board, parish, or election use.

The Board will endeavor to honour historical permits, providing first right of refusal for the same facility and time. In the event of any conflict, permits will be approved using the following priority sequence:

- 1. BHNCDSB and Associated Users
- 2. JUFA
- 3. Non-Profit Youth
- 4. Non-Profit Adult
- 5. Non-Profit Other
- 6. Non-Profit Priority Schools
- 7. Reciprocal Users
- 8. Commercial / Private User

### 3. General Condition of Use

- 1. Permits are not transferable.
- 2. Permits are valid for the current school year only and new applications must be made on an annual basis, beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3. Applications for the following school year (the first Monday following Labour Day in September until June 30<sup>th</sup>) can be submitted online as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. New applications submitted prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will be denied.
- 4. Outdoor fields are generally available for booking during the months of May to September. Outdoor field use is subject to the conditions of the field and may be impacted by the weather and soil conditions. Start dates for field use may be delayed, or field use may be disrupted or prohibited, until field conditions are restored.
- 5. Permits will be cancelled when schools are closed due to inclement weather or for reasons beyond the control of the Board. Notice of cancellation will be provided as quickly as possible in each situation.



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- 6. During times of inclement weather, cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Board's website (<u>www.bhncdsb.ca</u>). An email message will also be forwarded to all permit holders on the cancellation day, via the online booking system, to advise permit holders of the cancellation. All fees will be refunded for the period of inclement weather.
- 7. Smoking is prohibited on all Board-owned property; 24-hours per day, as outlined in the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Permit holders are not permitted to smoke outside the building and must vacate Board property for smoking purposes.
- 8. No utterance, portrayal, display or performance of an obscene or disloyal nature will be permitted.
- 9. If a Permit Holder's policies or activities are contrary to the philosophy, mission and values of the Board, the Permit Holder shall be denied use of any property of the Board.
- 10. A person or persons shall not use Board-owned facilities unless an online Permit Application has been received and approved in accordance with this policy and administrative procedure.
- 11. The Permit holder may be required to print a copy of their permit(s) to gain access to the rental space or to verify permission to use specialized gymnasium equipment, audio visual or sound equipment.
- 12. Nuts and nut products, shellfish and latex (balloons) are not permitted in Board-owned facilities as these products pose a significant health risk to some of our students and community members.
- 13. Clean, rubber-soled, non-skid and non-marking athletic shoes must be worn by all players during athletic functions held in school gymnasiums and / or general-purpose rooms
- 14. Signs and decorations may not be attached to walls or elsewhere without prior arrangement and permission from the school administrator.
- 15. All additions or alterations to any part of a Board-owned structure are to be noted in the Online Application and must be approved by the Manager of Facility Services (or designate).
- 16. The use of any outdoor area, i.e., outdoor field and parking lot, must be reserved through the Board's online booking system.
- 17. Vehicle parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. Parking is not permitted on grass or asphalt play areas.
- 18. Seating capacities in gymnasiums and cafeterias must not exceed the Fire Department's limit indicated on the capacity listings posted in these areas.
- 19. The permit holder is responsible for enforcing all fire regulations and must ensure that obstructions are not placed in corridors or in front of fire exits. Some events / bookings, which use tables and chairs, may require the permit holder to submit a floor plan to the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary; for approval and to ensure Fire Safety compliance.
- 20. In compliance with Fire Regulation and immediately upon the sounding of the fire alarm, house lights will be activated, and the permit holder and their audience will be requested to leave the rental space by the nearest exit(s). Only when the Fire Department has brought the fire under control or has determined that a false alarm has occurred, will the permit holder and their audience be permitted to re-enter the rental space.

### 4. Restriction and Limitations

- 1. Except for use as Polling Stations during elections, schools shall not be used for partisan political events.
- Permits will not normally be issued during the months of July and August, due to annual maintenance of schools and vacation schedules of staff members. Permits will not be issued during the last two weeks of August. The Board will consider granting permits on a case-by-case basis during the excluded dates above.
- 3. Typically, permits will not be issued during statutory holidays, Easter Monday, professional development days or during Christmas holidays and March Break (this includes the weekends before and after Christmas holidays and March Break).
- 4. From time-to-time, permits will not be issued at Board-owned facilities when construction or renovations are underway, when major repairs or maintenance have been scheduled, or unforeseen incidents have occurred, i.e., flooding, fire, gas leak, absence of heat, hydro or water, which could compromise the safety of permit holders.



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- 5. A limited number of Board-owned facilities may be available for rental during the excluded dates above.
- 6. Floor hockey, ball hockey, and other high-risk activities are not permitted inside any Board-owned facility.
- 7. Indoor soccer is permitted, but only with the use of indoor soccer balls.
- 8. Use of pyrotechnics, smoke machines and dry ice is strictly forbidden.
- 9. Elementary school classrooms are not available for rental. If a community member or group requires a classroom-type space, please contact the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary to discuss alternative areas. Alternatively, secondary school classrooms are available as rental spaces to community members or groups.

### 5. Use of Equipment

- 1. Tables, chairs, dishes, and other equipment, brought into the facility by the permit holder, shall be removed promptly after the permit activity.
- 2. Permit holders are not permitted to store furniture, equipment, or material in any Board-owned facilities, unless the permit holder has written consent from the school administrator of the facility. This consent should be noted in the online booking.
- 3. Typically, gymnasium equipment, other than basketball nets and volleyball standards, are not available for use by permit holders. However, the school administrator may grant permission for the use of other gymnasium equipment. Only specific items, requested in the online booking, will be left in the gymnasium by the principal or designate. The permit holder is responsible for reimbursement of costs to repair / replace any damage caused to specific equipment by the permit holder
- 4. Typically, the use of audio visual and sound equipment are not available for use by permit holders. However, the school administrator may grant permission for the use of this equipment. Only specific items, requested in the online booking, will be left in the rental space by the principal or designate. The permit holder is responsible for reimbursement of costs to repair / replace any damage caused to audio visual and sound equipment by the permit holder
- 5. Use of the kitchen / staff room, its equipment, and small wares, is not permitted in any school.
- 6. All scenery, special effects, props, etc. must be approved by the school administrator at least 24 hours prior to presentation or dress rehearsal. All scenery, special effects, props, etc. must be removed from the premises immediately after the booking or within a period of time agreed to by the school administrator and the permit holder.

### 6. Activities Not Approved

- 1. Permits will not normally be issued for events such as weddings, baby / wedding showers, "buck & doe's", birthday parties, large community events / festivals, etc., unless written consent has been granted by the Director of Education or designate.
- 2. School board facilities may be used for any function, except those not deemed to be acceptable by the Director of Education, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer, the school administrator or designate.

#### 7. Insurance Requirements

The Board's insurance coverage **does not** protect users or user groups. All user groups must provide proof of general liability insurance (Certificate of Insurance) in the name of the user group for the entire duration of the permit. Permits will not be approved without proof of insurance. User groups agree to the following:

- 1. To assume full responsibility for the acts and conduct of all persons admitted to the premises.
- 2. To supply and provide proof of insurance. User groups shall request a Certificate of Insurance from their insurance provider for general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$2 million, naming the "Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board" as an additional insured on the policy.



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3. During the use and occupations of the premises, the user groups shall indemnify and save harmless the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board from and against any and all liability whatsoever resulting from injury or damage to person, persons or property as a result of the use and occupation of the premises, unless such injury or damage results from the sole negligence of the Board.

Groups not covered by liability insurance may purchase the required insurance through the BHNCDSB based on the User Group Policy and Rating Schedule. The cost of the insurance will be reflected in the permit. Failure to provide a certificate of insurance, or to purchase the required insurance coverage prior to the activity, shall result in cancellation of the request.

Permit holders must supply and provide proof of valid insurance five (5) calendar days prior to the first booking. If the certificate is not provided within the designated timeframe, the first booking of the permit will be cancelled and not reinstated.

### 8. Community Use Fees

All fees shall be paid, in advance, directly to the Board. The online Community Use of Schools system allows permit holders to pay by credit card and the Board encourages permit holders to use this method of payment. The permit holder may wish to pay the entire cost of the permit or have it pro-rated over the length of the permit, with monthly installments made to their credit card.

For permit holders who do not have a credit card, cheques must be received at least 14 days prior to the first booking date. Cheques are to be made payable to the BHNCDSB and should quote the permit number, i.e., 2020-13-14-0008.

Cheques should be mailed to the following address:

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board Attention: Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary 322 Fairview Drive P.O. Box 217 Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Failure to pay applicable fees will result in the immediate cancellation of all future permits.

It is the intent of the Board to provide subsidized rental rates to non-profit organizations under the Community Use of Schools grant made available by the Ministry of Education. The rate of subsidy will be determined annually; based on the grant provided to the Board.

The Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees schedule outlining all fees to be paid, shall be established by the Board, and may be adjusted annually, or on an as needed basis, if contractual obligations are required. Fees will be adjusted annually based on Board expenses and the cost recovery model. The Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees schedule will be communicated and posted on the Board website annually.

The permit holder is responsible for reimbursement of costs to repair / replace any damage caused to the building, grounds and equipment and lost or stolen items. The Board will seek full restitution for any theft / loss and / or damage done to its buildings, equipment or grounds by the permit holder.

Notwithstanding anything in this policy, the Board may charge fees for other direct costs associated with use of Board facilities, including, cost of additional staffing, security, or snow removal.

#### Hourly Rental Rates

Community use rental rates are based on the activity of the permit holder and the type of space booked. Refunds are subject to cancellation timelines as established under cancellation fees.



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### Custodial Fees

A Board custodian must be on site for all community use activities. Custodial fees will be applied when a custodian is not already scheduled to work at a school. An on-site custodian varies from each school and a minimum two-hour charge will be applied, which includes time for set-up, clean-up and opening/closing the facility.

Custodial fee refunds are subject to cancellation timelines as established under Cancellation Fees.

#### Permit Application Fee

An application fee is a non-refundable administrative fee applied to each permit. User groups with multiple permits will only be charged a maximum of \$100.00 per school year.

#### Permit Change Fee

Once a permit has received final approval it will be "locked" and changes cannot be made to the permit. If a permit holder requires changes to be made to their booking, a non-refundable permit change fee will be charged for each change requested.

#### Permit Cancellation Fee

A minimum of seven (7) calendar days is required to cancel any permit. A non-refundable cancellation fee will be charged to any permit if the permit holder cancels a booking less than seven (7) calendar days before the date of the booking.

#### 'No Show' Fee

If a user group is not in attendance for their scheduled booking date, all fees and costs, including a non-refundable 'no-show' fee will be charged to the permit holder.

A user group may be suspended from future bookings for 'no showing' at the discretion of the Superintendent of Business & Treasurer.

#### False 9-11 / Fire Alarm Fee

If a false alarm is caused by the permit holder or a member of their audience, permit holders will be charged for the costs of security, police, or fire department false alarms.

#### 9. Roles and Responsibilities

#### School Administrator

It is the responsibility of the school principal to:

- Input all school-sanctioned events, before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year, into the Board's online booking system so that community groups are aware of the availability of school facilities.
- Approve or deny permits, within three working days of notification of the application, for the use of facilities in their school by community groups.
- Verify permits in the Board's online booking system, as required.
- Report, using the online booking system, where possible if:
  - Adequate supervision is not maintained.
  - Participants or spectators/guests enter the rental space before an adult supervisor arrives.
  - There are still participants and/or spectators/guest present after the permit has ended.
  - If exterior doors are propped open.
- Approve or deny requests for the use of gymnasium equipment, other than basketball nets and volleyball standards and for the use of audio visual and / or sound equipment. If such requests are approved by the principal, these specific items will be left in the gymnasium or rental space by the principal or designate.



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• Ensure that permit holders adhere to the regulations and conditions for use as established in the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and administrative procedures. Contact the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary to report infractions.

#### Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary

It is the responsibility of the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary to:

- Ensure that online bookings by community groups are complete and meet the regulations and conditions for use as established in the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and administrative procedures, i.e., validation of insurance, Party Alcohol Liability (PAL) insurance, licensing, payment for use of facilities, etc.
- Ensure, before June 1st of each school year, that all areas of the online booking system are configured, updated and consistent with the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and procedures, i.e., calendar year, excluded dates, permit types, space types, costs / subsidies, equipment, notifications, comments, frequently asked questions, etc.
- Respond to inquiries and questions regarding the use / rental of Board-owned facilities.
- Respond to inquiries and questions regarding the use of the Board's online booking system.
- Approve or deny the initial request to book a school facility.
- Ensure that permit holders have correctly stated their Permit Type and make changes / corrections where necessary. In the case of a permit type discrepancy, the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary's decision is final.
- Allocate custodians for each booking.
- Allocate fees / discounts, as required, to permit holders, i.e., application fees, rental fees, multiple usage discounts, cancellation fees, security card fees, permit change fees, etc.
- Approve custodian time sheets or online submissions, as required, for time required to open / close a school, to water flush a school, to set-up and clean the space used by the permit holder, etc.
- Ensure adherence to the regulations and conditions for use as established in the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and administrative procedures and take necessary action, as required, i.e., discuss infractions, issue warnings, administer fees, cancel bookings, cancel permits, deny bookings.
- Prepare Ministry and Board reports and other reporting requirements for review.

#### **Custodian**

It is the responsibility of the custodian to:

- Verify permits in the school online calendar, as required, noting space required, dates / times, special instructions, permissions for the use of other gymnasium equipment or audio visual and sound equipment, etc.
- Ensure the care and protection of school property while bookings are in progress.
- Set-up rental spaces as required by the permit holder and ensure that rental spaces are left in a clean orderly fashion by the permit holder.
- Be onsite for the duration of the booking.
- Ensure that youth participants do not enter the rental space before an adult supervisor arrives.
- Ensure, where possible, that adult supervisors remain at the rental space until all participants have left the space.
- Ensure that exterior doors are not propped open.
- Monitor, when possible, community members and groups to ensure adequate supervision is maintained at all times.
- Ensure that permit holders adhere to the regulations and conditions for use as established in the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and administrative procedures. Contact the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary to report infractions.



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- Report all violations on the day of the event:
  - To the school administrator via email.
  - To the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary using the online booking system.

### Manager of Facility Services

It is the responsibility of the Manager of Facility Services (or designate):

- Advise, the Plant Assessment & Community Use Secretary, before April 1<sup>st</sup> or as soon as it is known, of any Board facility, which cannot be rented due to construction or renovations, major repairs or maintenance, or unforeseen incidents, i.e., flooding, fire, gas leak, absence of heat, hydro or water, which could compromise the safety of permit holders.
- Approve or deny all additions or alterations to any part of a Board-owned structure, which are noted in the Online Application.
- Train and familiarize caretakers with eBase and the Community of Use system
- Ensure appropriate custodial coverage is in place for all permits
- Respond to facility emergency situations

### Permit Holder

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to:

- Adhere to the regulations and conditions for use as established in the Board's Community Use of Schools policy and administrative procedures. Failure to do so could result in the cancellation of permit(s).
- Complete an Online Application for the rental of Board-owned facilities.
- Make new permit requests at least 14 days prior to the first date of the activity. If the request is not made within this period of time, the Board cannot ensure that final approval of the booking will be granted before the first date required.
- Upload, a valid Certificate of Insurance and proof of licensing (where applicable) to the online permit or purchase insurance through the Online Permit Application process. A minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the date of the start of the permit is required to purchase insurance.
- Provide payment when the permit has received final Approval.
- Ensure that bookings are accurate so that Change Permit Fees are not charged.
- Cancel bookings, at least seven (7) days before the booking date, so that Cancellation Fees are not charged.
- Assume full responsibility for the acts and conduct of all persons admitted to the premises while their booking is scheduled.
- Ensure that participants and spectators, siblings, etc., remain within the designated rental space.
- Ensure that all participants and spectators leave the rental space before the ending time of the booking.
- Ensure that adequate adult supervision is maintained in all rental spaces, i.e., when many areas are used, an adult supervisor must be present in each of the areas.
- Ensure that youth participants do not enter the rental space before an adult supervisor arrives.
- Ensure that adult supervisors remain at the rental space until all participants have left the space.
- Ensure that exterior doors are not propped open.
- Report all critical injuries to the Board's Disability Management & Safety Coordinator immediately after the incident at 519-756-6505. A critical injury is an injury of a serious nature that places life in jeopardy, produces unconsciousness, results in a substantial loss of blood, involves the fracture of a leg or arm, involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot, consists of burns to a major part of the body or causes the loss of sight in an eye.
- Be responsible for all damages incurred while their booking is scheduled. This shall also include reimbursement of costs to repair damage caused to the Board's fields and play spaces.
- Ensure that the rented space used is left in the same, or better, condition than when the booking began.
- Produce an electronic or printed copy of the permit, upon request while onsite