NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Revision of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation’s Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN the Commissioner of the Department of Parks & Recreation (“the Department”) by Sections 389 and 533(a)(9) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirement of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter, the Department hereby revises Sections 2-13 and 2-14 of Chapter 2 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York.

Written comments regarding the rules were solicited in accordance with the notice published in the City Record and electronically through NYC RULES at [www.nyc.gov/nycrules](http://www.nyc.gov/nycrules), and a public hearing was held on October 16, 2017, at Chelsea Recreation Center, 430 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001. No written comments were received by the agency and no oral testimony was given at the hearing.
Statement of Basis and Purpose

The Department is amending § 2-13 and § 2-14 of Chapter 2 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York. Under the amended rules, individuals may use a wider array of documents to qualify for the Department’s reduced membership fees for persons with disabilities at the Ocean Breeze Track & Field Athletic Complex and the City’s recreation centers.

The purpose of these rules is to:

- make it easier for individuals with disabilities to qualify for the reduced membership fees offered at the Ocean Breeze Track & Field Athletic Complex and the City’s recreation centers.
- provide greater access to the accessible amenities, adaptive programming, and opportunities for social engagement and healthy exertion provided by the Department’s facilities.

The Parks Department’s authority for these rules is found in Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

New material is underlined. [Deleted material is in brackets.]

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. The definition of “Person with Disability Athletic Complex Membership Fee”, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 2-13 of chapter 2 of title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York, is amended to read as follows:

Person with Disability Athletic Complex Membership Fee. “Person with Disability Athletic Complex Membership Fee” means the membership fee for use of the Ocean Breeze Park Track & Field Athletic Complex for all patrons who present government-issued photo identification along with one of the following documents when purchasing or renewing a membership:

- New York City Department of Transportation Parking Permit for People with Disabilities (PPPD);
- MTA Access-A-Ride ID card;
- MTA Reduced Fare ID card; [or]
- Certification from the New York State Office of Mental Health that the patron is receiving services from a program it licenses, operates, certifies, or funds;
- Certification from the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities that the patron is eligible to receive services from a program it licenses, operates, certifies, or funds;
- Certification from the New York State Commission for the Blind that the patron has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less or limitation in the field of vision such that the
widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees in the
better eye with the use of a correcting lens; or
• New York State Parks Individual Access Pass.
This membership fee does not include the Track & Field Practice Fee. Membership includes, but
is not limited to, use of the Track & Field Area during designated times, fitness equipment,
recreational programs, and group fitness classes. Documents presented to the Department will
not be retained after the applicant’s eligibility for the membership fee is determined.

Section 2. The definition of “Person with Disability Membership Fee”, as set forth in
subdivision (a) of section 2-14 of chapter 2 of title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York,
is amended to read as follows:

Person with Disability Membership Fee. “Person with Disability Membership Fee” means
the membership fee for use of recreation centers for all patrons who present government-issued
photo identification along with one of the following documents when purchasing or renewing a
membership:
• New York City Department of Transportation Parking Permit for People with Disabilities
(PPPD);
• MTA Access-A-Ride ID card;
• MTA Reduced Fare ID card; [or]
• Certification from the New York State Office of Mental Health that the patron is
receiving services from a program it licenses, operates, certifies, or funds;
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central visual acuity of 20/200 or less or limitation in the field of vision such that the
widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees in the
better eye with the use of a correcting lens; or
• New York State Parks Individual Access Pass.

This membership does not include session fees. Membership includes, but is not limited to, use
of fitness equipment, indoor pools and computer resource centers. Documents presented to the
Department will not be retained after the applicant’s eligibility for the membership fee is
determined.