

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Parks and Recreation (“NYC Parks”) is considering changing its rules to eliminate membership fees for young adults at the Ocean Breeze Park Track & Field Athletic Complex and NYC Parks recreation centers.

When and where is the hearing? NYC Parks has determined, pursuant to New York City Charter section 1043(e), that a public hearing on the proposed rule would serve no public purpose.

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the Department of Parks and Recreation through the NYC rules Web site at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to rules@parks.nyc.gov.
- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to: Darci Frinquelli, Assistant Counsel, The Arsenal, Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065.
- **Fax.** You can fax written comments to 917-849-6742.
- **Hearing.** NYC Parks has determined, pursuant to New York City Charter section 1043(e), that a public hearing on the proposed rule would serve no public purpose.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? You must submit written comments by February 22, 2021.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online concerning the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. Copies of all comments submitted online and copies of all written comments concerning the proposed rules will be available to members of the public, who may request them mail or email at the addresses given above. You may also request the comments by telephone at 212-360-1383.

What authorizes NYC Parks to make this rule? Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the City Charter authorize the NYC Parks to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in the NYC Parks regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when agencies needed to submit an agenda.

Where can I find the rules of NYC Parks? The NYC Parks rules are in Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? NYC Parks must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043 of the Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation (“NYC Parks”) proposes to revise § 2-13 and § 2-14 of Chapter 2, Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York. This revision, announced in Mayor de Blasio’s 2020 State of the City address, will eliminate annual membership fees for young adults (i.e. 18 through 24 years of age) at the Ocean Breeze Park Track & Field Athletic Complex and NYC Parks recreation centers.

The purpose of these proposed rules is to:

- Provide greater access to recreational opportunities, social engagement, community interaction, and healthy exertion for young adults at NYC Parks facilities by eliminating membership fees for all patrons up to and including 24 years of age.

The Parks Department’s authority for these rules is found in sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the New York City Charter. Pursuant to section 1043(d)(4)(iii) of the New York City Charter, this proposed rule is exempt from review under Charter section 1043(d).

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[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 fee schedule appearing in subdivision (b) of section 2-13 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(b) *Ocean Breeze Track & Field Athletic Complex Membership Fees.* The annual membership does not include Track & Field Session Fees or Track & Field Practice Fees. The Ocean Breeze Park Track & Field Athletic Complex annual membership fees are:

Child Athletic Complex Membership Fee	Young Adult Athletic Complex Membership Fee	Adult Athletic Complex Membership Fee	Senior Citizen Athletic Complex Membership Fee	Person with Disability Athletic Complex Membership Fee	Veteran Athletic Complex Membership Fee
\$0	[\$25] <u>\$0</u>	\$100	\$25	\$25	\$25

Section 2. The fee schedules appearing in subdivision (c) of Section 2-14 of title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(c) *Recreation Center Membership Fee Schedules.* The Commissioner shall charge a recreation center member subject to these provisions the amount set forth in the following schedule for an annual membership. Such annual membership does not include session fees.

Type of Recreation Center	Child Membership fee	Young Adult Membership fee	Adult Membership fee	Adult Membership Fee (with valid IDNYC Card)	Veteran Membership Fee	Person with Disability Membership Fee	Senior Citizen Membership Fee
Recreation Center with Indoor Pool	\$0	[\$25] <u>\$0</u>	\$150	\$135	\$25	\$25	\$25
Recreation Center without Indoor Pool	\$0	[\$25] <u>\$0</u>	\$100	\$90	\$25	\$25	\$25