

# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### For The Government and Use of CRYSTAL LAKE

#### GENERAL RULES

Rule 1. No person shall enter or leave Crystal Lake except at places where the City owns the land or at such other places as the Playground Commission may specially designate, providing, however, that all inhabitants of the Commonwealth shall have equal rights with the citizens of Newton, subject to the payment of such charges as are fixed under these rules. Exception is made for abductees, their guests and servants on their own respective beaches.

Rule 2. No person shall in or on Crystal Lake, or upon any land bordering thereon, solicit the acquaintance of, or annoy another person; or utter any profane, threatening, abusive or indecent language, or loud outcry; or solicit any subscription or contribution; or have possession of or drink any intoxicating liquor; or play any game of chance; or have possession of any instrument of gambling, or do any obscene or indecent act; or preach a sermon, or make an oration or harangue, or any political or other address; or move in a military or civic parade, drill or procession; or lie down upon a bench or boat or go to sleep thereon; or play any musical instrument except by written authority from the said Newton Playground Commission.

Rule 3. No person shall dig up, cut, break, remove, deface, file or ill-use, any building, structure, fence, sign, bush, plant, tree, rock, or any other thing belonging to the City of Newton, or have possession of any part thereof.

Rule 4. No person shall throw any stone or any other missile, or have possession of or discharge any destructive weapon, firearm, firecracker, torpedo or firework, or make a fire or throw or place upon the ground a lighted match, cigar, cigarette, or other burning substance; or post, paint, or affix any sign, notice, placard or advertising device; or, except with written authority from said Newton Playground Commission engage in business, sell or dispose for sale, or give away any goods, wares, or circulars; or set a trap or snare or injure or have possession of any wild animal or bird; or injure or destroy any bird's nest or eggs; or chop or place and suffer to remain any piece of paper or other refuse, except in the receptacles designated therefor.

Rule 5. No person shall throw, drop or place in the water or on the beach any waste paper, rubbish or refuse.

Rule 6. No person shall ride or drive any animal or vehicle on the city reservation or the beach of the lake; or bring dogs on the lake except on leash.

Rule 7. No person shall refuse or neglect to obey any reasonable direction of a playground official or police officer.

#### BATHING

Rule 8. All bathing in Crystal Lake will be limited to ticket holders. These will be issued to applicants by the Playground Department at City Hall, West Newton, during the month of May. The tickets are good only for the summer of the year in which they are issued and are subject to observance of all the rules pertaining to bathing in Crystal Lake.

Rule 9. Each bather is restricted to one hour's use of the dressing room and the bathing facilities in Crystal Lake, per day. A shower bath must be taken before entering the waters of the lake.

Rule 10. Bathing during the day until six o'clock in the afternoon is restricted to children of both sexes eighteen years of age or younger, and to parents and guardians or other older people having young people in their charge.

Rule 11. After six o'clock in the afternoon until dark, older people holding season tickets may bathe, subject to the same rules governing the use of the bathhouse for dressing, showers before entering the waters of the lake and the time limit of one hour each day.

Rule 12. All persons bathing in the lake shall use the bathing facilities provided by the City of Newton. A charge of fifty cents (50c.) will be made to non-residents for the use of such bathing facilities each time they bathe in the lake. For exceptions read Rule 13.

Rule 13. No person shall bathe in this lake except in proper costume and at a place designated therefor, or bathe at any other seasons or hours than are posted at the designated bathing beach; or bathe on days or during hours not designated for his or her sex and no persons may loiter on or near the bathing beach. Exception is made as to loitering when parents or guardians accompany their children or when nurses or maids or other older persons come in charge of children.

#### SKATING

Rule 14. No person shall skate on the ice except at a place or places designated therefor by ropes and lanterns; or skate on any other days or hours than are posted at the skating reservation, or cut ice, or fish through the ice, or deposit snow on any part of the reservation for skating, or within fifty yards of this reservation; or skate in the reservation when the signs are up forbidding skating; or play hockey in any area not specially marked for this game; or refuse or neglect to obey the posted rules and regulations governing winter sports; or refuse or neglect to obey any reasonable directions of playground directors or police officers.

#### BOATING

Rule 15. No person shall have charge of, row a boat, paddle a canoe, run or drive a boat or canoe, propelled by steam, naphtha, gasoline, electric or other motor or engine, or by sail, unless he shall have permits obtained in written form therefor from the Newton Playground Commission; or drive the same at a speed exceeding eight miles an hour; or in such a manner as to endanger or annoy others.

#### FISHING

Rule 16. No fishing is allowed on Crystal Lake from December 1st to June 30th. From July 1st to November 30th, fishing is allowed but is subject to existing rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to fishing.

Any person violating any of the above rules, shall for each offense, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. (Revised Laws, Chapter 243.)

#### CITY OF NEWTON PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Signed, ALBERT P. CARTER, Chairman  
CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Jr.  
THOMAS J. LYONS  
RALPH COOLIDGE HENRY  
E. RAY SPEARE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Public Works

State House, Boston.  
May 15, 1929.

Voted, That the Department of Public Works approves the accompanying rules and regulations for the government and use of Crystal Lake, Newton, as formulated by the Playground Commission of the City of Newton, insofar as said rules and regulations govern fishing, boating, bathing, skating and other recreational activities in or on Crystal Lake in said City, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 243 of the Acts of 1924.

Signed, F. E. LYMAN  
Commissioner.