

Outdoor Fitness Training Permit Terms and Conditions

We hope you have a positive experience delivering outdoor training sessions to your clients and use our facilities to help improve the health and fitness of our residents in the borough's parks and green spaces.

We have introduced a set of procedures and terms of use for booking fitness activity in our parks and open spaces.

The new procedures and terms of use will help the council to:

- To provide the opportunity for visitors to benefit from, enjoy and engage in fitness training in a variety of outdoor environments.
- Regulate physical activity in parks and open spaces and ensure harmony between those undertaking outdoor fitness activities in the park and other park users.
- Balance activities to ensure that the space is equally available for all users.
- Ensure access to and use of public open space is preserved and remains unspoiled for all visitors.
- Allocate activity to the most suited park, open space or area within a park.
- To provide quality assurance and ensure that those leading activity in our public spaces are adequately qualified.
- Ensure the safety of trainers and their clients and that the permit holder and its trainers are responsible for client safety and comply with best practice.
- Promote how our parks are used to improve public health; this may include publicising.

The Code

The following code and terms of use apply to the use of all council parks and green spaces. The permit holder and its trainers and volunteers must always abide by the code. Non-compliance may result in your permit being suspended.

The permit holder shall:

- Ensure that they maintain a right of way for other users of the park. Permit holders and trainers do not have exclusive rights over any of the areas within the park or greenspace boundary.
- They hold a valid insurance certificate (£10million) and hold liability for participant's safety. Solihull Council doesn't accept any liability for activities related to outdoor fitness training as part of the permit.
- Ensure that its Trainers always exercise the rights and duties under this Agreement in a proper and responsible way, having regard to the safety of users and other third parties. Any incidents, accidents or health and safety issues must be reported to the events team immediately.
- Display or have available for inspection their permit at all times making them identifiable on request by members of the public, park staff and other inspecting services.

- Responsibly manage all matter pertaining to health and safety and will ensure that thorough risk assessments are complete and that adequate procedures are in place relating to first aid and accident reporting.
- Ensure that no area of the park or green space is overused to the extent that it causes unreasonable wear and tear to the fabric of the park and report any concerns on the condition of the activity area to the events team.
- Ensure that they protect and preserve the park and not leave any equipment or rubbish in the park following a training session and shall ensure that the park is left in the same condition as it was on arrival.
- Not use large items of keep fit equipment and only use handheld equipment e.g., jogging weights, Kettle bells and resistance bands, ropes.
- Not use council property for the purpose of fitness training i.e benches, tables, trees, lamp posts, car park, bandstands etc and to keep all pathways clear and accessible to all users.
- Comply with all applicable byelaws, orders, and local restrictions.
- Not display, produce, or distribute any sign or advertisement whilst within the park or green space except to clients undertaking the activity, unless previously approved by the Events Team. The wearing of branded clothing is considered forming part of the activity uniform and is permitted
- Ensure that Sessions are no longer than the agreed period (90 mins) and cannot have more people than what has been agreed to.
- Refrain from using whistles, loud shouting and other intrusive, noisy activity.
- Refrain from aggressive, intimidating or unreasonably noisy training activity that interferes with the comfort of other visitors.
- Inform their clients in advance of the public facilities and any general term of use at the event location on any activity information and joining instructions i.e car parking facilities.

Solihull Council has the right to revise the term of a permit if:

- The area agreed for the activity is subject to improvement or closure.
- The areas agreed for the activity has been affected by wear and tear and the fabric of the park has been affected.

Where possible an alternative (temporary or permanent) location, site or time will be offered.

'No Go' spaces and activity. These include:

- Areas within the park where training activities have a negative impact on other park users, residents and the council's business, e.g. intrusive noise, shouting, aggressive language etc.
- Areas of high pedestrian activity such as pathways, car parks etc.
- Areas clearly marked as sports fields, any formal garden areas and other park sensitive locations such as wildflower areas, picnic areas, dog walking areas, long grass, meadow land, conservation areas etc.
- Areas closed for renovation or similar.
- Aggressive, intimidating or unreasonably noisy training activities that impacts on the comfort of other park visitors.
- Anything that marks out an area which may imply exclusive use. As a permit holder you agree to abide by these guidelines at all times.

Non-compliance to the above Code of Conduct and permit terms and conditions means you are at risk of losing your outdoor fitness training permit. Please note that you must respect the terms of

your arrangement and that this agreement will not be breached, otherwise we reserve the right to revoke it.

Name _____ Sign _____

Date _____