

Outdoor Fitness Code of Conduct

Capitalised words and phrases used in this code of conduct have the meanings given to them in the Outdoor Fitness Terms and Conditions, a copy of which can be found on the Authority's website.

The purpose of the code of conduct is:

1. To avoid conflict between the Licensee (and its Trainers), other Park users and neighbours.
2. To protect the Park.
3. To ensure access to and use of public open space is preserved for all visitors.
4. To provide the opportunity for visitors to benefit from, enjoy and engage in fitness training in a variety of outdoor environments.
5. To provide quality assurance for activities undertaken within the Park and ensure that the Licensee and its Trainers are fully qualified and complying with best practice.
6. To ensure that the Licensee and its trainers are responsible for participants' safety,

THE CODE:

1. The Licensee and its Trainers shall not have exclusive rights over any area of the Park and shall ensure that right of way is given to other users of the Park.
2. The Licensee and its Trainers will responsibly manage all matters pertaining to health and safety, and will ensure that thorough risk assessments are completed and that adequate procedures are in place relating to first aid and accident reporting.
3. No large items of fitness equipment shall be used in the Park. Only hand-held equipment (e.g. Jogging weights, Kettle bells and resistance bands) is permitted.
4. The Licensee and its Trainers will not leave any equipment or rubbish in the Park following a training session and shall ensure the Park is left in the same condition that it is found.
5. The Licensee and its Trainers will comply with all applicable byelaws, orders and local restrictions applicable to the Park.
6. The Licensee and its Trainers will keep all Park pathways clear and accessible to other Park users.
7. The Licensee and its Trainers will not display, produce or distribute any sign or advertisement whilst within the Park except to clients undertaking training, unless previously approved by the licensing officer. The Licensee and its Trainers are permitted to wear branded clothing as part of a uniform, however.
8. The Licensee and its Trainers will wear a licence at all times making them clearly recognisable to members of the public, Authority wardens and licence inspectors.
9. The Licensee and its Trainers will not overuse any particular area of the Park or cause unreasonable wear and tear to the fabric of the Park.

10. The majority of parks do not have any toilet facilities. It may be necessary to inform participants of this fact in advance.

11. The Licensee will amend its information recording procedures so as to facilitate data sharing with the Authority, including details of those attending training sessions. The Licensee will provide the Authority with quarterly figures relating to attendance and satisfaction.

Park 'No Go' Zones:

12. The Licensee and its Trainers are not permitted to use:

- Areas within the Park where training activities would have a negative impact on other Park users, residents and other licensed trainers.
- Areas of high pedestrian activity such as pathways, monuments and bandstands.
- Areas clearly marked as sports fields, formal garden areas and other sensitive locations (e.g. waterside areas, picnic areas, deck chair areas, long grass, meadow land and conservation areas).
- Areas of the Park that are exposed, fragile or vulnerable (e.g. waterlogged, obviously worn or muddy areas).
- Areas closed for renovation, planting or upgrading.
- Any Park structures, trees, fixtures and furniture must not be used for training purposes.

Park 'No Go' Activities:

13. The following activities are not permitted:

- Whistles and loud shouting or other intrusive, noisy activities.
- Aggressive, intimidating or unreasonably noisy training activities that interferes with the comfort of other visitors.
- Use of objects that mark out an area to imply exclusive use.

The Licensee and its Trainers must abide by this code of conduct at all times while in the Park. Non-compliance with the code may result in your licence being terminated and you being asked to leave the park immediately.