

Subject: GRF-Approved Organizations

Purpose: To Establish Guidelines, Procedures, and Rules to Assist Residents in Forming and Maintaining Organizations Formally Recognized by GRF

Resident organizations that meet the criteria below are recognized by GRF as “Rossmoor Organizations” (the “Organizations”) and thus are permitted use in their own name of the community facilities and services and other special privileges. It is the intent of the GRF Board that such privileges be afforded almost exclusively to Members of the Golden Rain Foundation, as defined in the GRF Bylaws. Any person lawfully on GRF property who is not a Member of GRF, is a Guest and therefore subject to the requirements of Policy 304.1 (Guest Usage), regardless of membership status in a Rossmoor Organization.

Although recognized Rossmoor Organizations are afforded special status and privileges by GRF, such organizations are entirely independent of and not under the control of or affiliated entities of GRF and therefore GRF assumes no liability for their acts, whatsoever.

A. In order to be considered a Rossmoor Organization, the following requirements must be met:

1. Must hold a minimum of 4 meetings per year
2. Must have a minimum membership of 80% Rossmoor residents unless otherwise exempted from this requirement by specific policy/rule approved by the GRF Board. Upon failing to meet this requirement, a Rossmoor Organization may be required to become compliant within six months of notice given by GRF in order to retain status as a Rossmoor Organization
3. If the Organization’s primary function involves use of GRF sports, fitness, aquatics, or workshop facilities including but not limited to golf courses, lawn bowling, table tennis, bocce, swimming pools, Tice Creek Fitness Center, tennis courts, ceramics, woodworking, lapidary, sewing, billiards/pool, it may not admit non-GRF Members into the Organization’s membership. Members of Organizations who are not also Members of GRF as of the initial date of adoption of this requirement shall be exempt from this requirement (i.e. grandfathered).
4. Governing documents must incorporate GRF’s Policies, Rules and Procedures by reference and require compliance therewith as a condition for membership in the Organization through inclusion of a statement substantially similar to the following in the Organization’s governing documents or by resolution:

“The Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek, including the GRF Guest Policy, are hereby incorporated by reference into the rules for membership in this Organization, and compliance therewith is expressly made a requirement for membership.”

5. May not advertise events to the general public or through media in general circulation outside of Rossmoor
6. Must provide to the GRF Recreation Department annually by January 15th:
 - a. proof of liability insurance coverage comparable to that of the Activities Council policy, unless coverage is obtained through the Activities Council, and
 - b. a written declaration signed by an officer of the Organization that the Organization is in compliance with all applicable requirements set forth in this Policy, and
 - c. a current membership roster, and
 - d. a list of current officers including contact information for the chairman/president, who shall be a Rossmoor resident, unless otherwise expressly permitted by GRF. Such permission is subject:
 - 1) to receipt of a letter on club/organization letter head directed to the GRF CEO requesting exemption from this provision, and
 - 2) approval by the GRF Board of the requested exemption.

Any Organization providing a false declaration or not meeting the above requirements may have its approved status suspended or other sanctions imposed by GRF.

- B. The following requirements must be met for an Organization to become recognized by GRF:
 1. A resident must sponsor the Organization by written request to the Recreation Department stating:
 - a. the purpose; and
 - b. membership requirements; and
 - c. names and addresses at least 20 residents interested in joining
 2. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the request in Section B.1., the Recreation Department shall confirm that:
 - a. the proposed Organization is not a duplicate of an existing Organization, and

- b. the proposed purpose and membership requirements do not conflict with any laws or the Rules, Policies and Procedures of GRF, and
 - c. the stated purpose and activities of the proposed Organization have the potential to enrich and/or benefit the community.
 - 3. Upon satisfactory findings, the Recreation Department shall issue the sponsor a 60-day “Conditional Approval” to form an Organization, which permits the Organization to use community facilities as a Rossmoor Organization.
 - 4. If the findings do not justify the establishment of a new Organization, the resident applicant shall be promptly notified in writing by the Recreation Department, and may appeal the decision in writing to the Policy Committee, which shall review the application and written appeal and render its decision to the applicant in writing. If the Committee also denies the application, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.
 - 5. To obtain final approval as a Rossmoor Organization, the Organization shall, within 60 days of receipt of the notice of conditional approval, provide a copy of the adopting resolutions by the Organization and of the governing documents which must comply with the requirements in Section A above.
 - 6. Upon satisfactory completion of the above requirements, the Recreation Department shall provide written notice that the organization has been approved as a “Rossmoor organization”, with copies to the Activities Council, the Rossmoor News, and the Reservation Office.
- C. “Open” or “drop-in” events at sports and fitness facilities, defined as periods when participation is not limited to any particular club or organization but is available to all GRF members and guests, are not to be considered as sponsored by any club or Organization.

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