



OUTDOOR FITNESS & ACTIVITY GROUPS

CODE OF CONDUCT

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The purpose of the code of conduct

- To avoid conflict between those undertaking licensed fitness activities in the open spaces available for such activities
- To protect the open spaces
- To ensure use of any public open space is preserved for all visitors
- To provide an opportunity for visitors to engage in outdoor fitness training
- To work alongside a licence agreement to ensure fitness operators are following the current health and safety regulations and best industry practice for the safety and enjoyment of all participants
- To ensure that all licensed fitness operators are fully insured and hold liability for all participants safety

Petersfield Town Council will accept no liability for any activity related to outdoor fitness training as part of the licence

The Code

- The fitness operator / licensee shall not have exclusive rights over any area of the open space and shall ensure that right of way is given to members of the public visiting the open space
- No large items of keep fit equipment shall be used in the green space other than hand held equipment e.g. jogging weights, kettle bells and resistance bands unless specifically agreed with Petersfield Town Council
- Fitness operators / licensees shall leave the green space in a clean and tidy condition and shall be liable for any loss of or damage to any council property through their direct improper use
- The fitness licensee shall abide by the Petersfield Town Council policies and rules relating to Open Spaces as available on our website www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk

- The licensee shall ensure that any green space structures, such as other recreational areas e.g. skate park and netball pitches, other furniture and trees must not be used for training purposes and shall keep all pathways clear and accessible to all users
- The fitness operator / licensee shall ensure that no area of the green space is overused to the extent that it causes unreasonable wear and tear to the ground e.g. damage to the grass area or creating muddy waterlogged areas.

Green Space 'No Go' Areas

You are not permitted to use:

- Areas within the green spaces where training activities have a negative impact on other park users, and local residents e.g. intrusive noise, aggressive language etc
- Areas of high pedestrian activity such as pathways
- Areas clearly marked as sports fields such as football and rugby pitches
- Park sensitive locations such as picnic areas, long grass, conservation areas etc
- Areas closed for renovation or upgrading

The following activities are not to be conducted by personal trainers / group fitness licensees:

- Amplified music or audio equipment, whistles and loud shouting or other intrusive noise
- Aggressive, intimidating or unreasonably noisy training activities that interferes with the comfort of other visitors
- Use of objects that mark out an 'area of green space' to imply exclusive use
- Operation of sessions commencing before 7.00 am or continuing after 9.00 pm

As a license holder you always agree to abide by these guidelines. Non-compliance to the above Code of Conduct means you are at risk of losing your fitness licence and being asked to leave the green space with immediate effect.