

519 USE OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Belief

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) follows cultural and traditional teachings of the Maskwacis Cree, in particular Wahkohtowin. Wahkohtowin is the belief that all things are related and connected, that all of existence has spirit and that living in a good way requires us to maintain good relationships with each other and other aspects of existence. We recognize that respect for mother earth, elders, youth, and the Treaties are paramount to planning ahead and making decisions for future generations.

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) believes it is important for the Four Nations to have access to facilities and grounds managed by the MESC for their use and enjoyment.

Procedures

1. All MESC Schools' facilities, gymnasiums and grounds shall be made available for Nation sponsored events, activities and programs provided that such use does not result in significant interruption of MESC education programs and scheduled maintenance programs. School-sponsored activities will always take top priority over Nation sponsored events, activities and programs.
2. Application procedure
 - 2.1. Application shall be made for the use of facilities, gymnasiums and grounds to the Director of Facilities using form 519-1.
 - 2.2. The Director of Facilities shall consult with the site administrator prior to making a decision to ensure there are no site based activities that conflict with the requested dates.
 - 2.3. The Director of Facilities will approve or deny the request and will advise the applicant of the decision.
 - 2.4. The user will sign an agreement (form 519-1) accepting the required terms and conditions for the use of the facilities, gymnasiums and grounds.
 - 2.5. Copies of the agreement will be forwarded to the Site Supervisor when applicable.

- 2.6. The approved event will be placed in the appropriate Calendars.
3. Requirements for facility use:
 - 3.1. Facilities, gymnasiums and grounds used must be left in the condition that they were found.
 - 3.2. Teams or groups will provide their own equipment unless approval has been granted for use of MESC equipment by a Site Supervisor.
 - 3.3. All activities must be adequately supervised and this is the responsibility of the sponsors of the activity.
 - 3.4. The group leader using the school facilities is responsible to communicate with the designated Commission representative on duty.
 - 3.5. The group leader is responsible for ensuring only authorized group members are participating in the activity; and ensuring that all participants leave at the end of the activity.
 - 3.6. No one is to enter any part of the school other than the designated area approved for their use.
 - 3.7. A Commission Employee must be available during the activity to ensure access and security of the facility.
4. Damage Deposit.
 - 4.1. A refundable damage deposit of \$750.00 must be paid for use of the facilities, gymnasium or grounds unless waived.
 - 4.2. Payment by cash or cheque must be made in advance. Cheques must be made payable to "Maskwacis Education Schools Commission.
 - 4.3. The deposit is refundable at the end of the scheduled event, activity or program, provided that the facility, gymnasium and/or grounds are left in a satisfactory condition as determined by the Director of Facilities.
 - 4.4. All damage to school property and/or equipment will be repaired or replaced and the costs above and beyond the damage deposit will be the responsibility of the individual or group approved to use the school facilities.
5. Persons in charge of bookings on behalf of groups or teams will be responsible for informing their group of the requirements and for ensuring that their group complies.

6. If a group does not comply with the requirements, future privileges of using Commission facilities may be withdrawn. Once lost, only the Associate Superintendent of Business Services or Superintendent can reinstate the privilege.
7. Use of school facilities, gymnasiums and/or grounds may be suspended at any time if the activities:
 - 7.1. Damage the property or equipment;
 - 7.2. Cause excessive inconvenience for Student learning and programs;
or
 - 7.3. Create an unsafe or dangerous environment for the school and neighbors.
8. The group using the facilities, gymnasiums or grounds is responsible for clean up of trash and disposing of the receptacles provided.
9. Alcohol and drugs are not allowed on school property (grounds and buildings).
10. Food or drinks are not allowed in the gym except with permission.
11. Smoking is only allowed outdoors notwithstanding for ceremonial purposes.
12. Access to the telephone and/or administration offices will not be available.