

To: Heather Kaufmann Community Development Supervisor – Volunteer and Group Support

Re: Application for an amplified music exemption to the park's bylaw - allowing our organizations to play walk-up music.

Dear Heather,

We are writing on behalf of the Halton Hills Eagles Baseball Association and the Halton Hawks Girls Fastpitch Association to formally request an amplified music permit for the diamonds at the Georgetown fairgrounds, where our youth softball and baseball programs take place.

Our organizations collectively represent a significant number of youth participants, with over 1000 young athletes and hundreds of dedicated volunteers involved in our sports programs. As part of our efforts to enhance the experience for our players and spectators, we are seeking permission to incorporate walk-up music into our games.

The proposed use of amplified music would involve playing brief clips of songs as our players approach the batting position. These music clips (may or may not announce players name), typically lasting approximately 10 seconds, serve to energize our players and create an engaging atmosphere for everyone present. It is important to note that we are committed to ensuring the music played is free of profanity, explicit content, or undesirable lyrics.

To uphold these standards, we are prepared to establish an inter-league committee tasked with overseeing compliance with the permitted music selections. This committee will work diligently to ensure that all music played during our games aligns with the values and expectations of our organizations and the broader community.

We strongly believe that incorporating walk-up music adds an element of excitement and enjoyment to our youth softball and baseball games. Beyond simply enhancing the spectator experience, walk-up music provides our players with a brief respite from the pressures of the game, allowing them to enter the batter's box with confidence and enthusiasm.

Furthermore, walk-up music has become a commonplace feature in various sporting events, contributing to the overall ambiance and energy of the game. By granting us permission to play short music clips at an acceptable decibel level, you would be supporting our efforts to create a positive and memorable experience for all involved.

On average, each game would feature about 60 at-bats (combined for both teams), resulting in about 10 minutes of music played in short clips throughout the game. We are confident that this modest use of amplified music will enhance the overall atmosphere of our games without causing any disruption to the surrounding community.

In conclusion, we respectfully request your consideration and approval of our application for an amplified music permit. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of conduct and ensuring that the use of walk-up music contributes positively to the youth softball and baseball experience in Halton Hills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

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