



Title: “Pit” Policy

Policy and Procedure Number: 015

Effective Date: February 9, 2015

Approval Authority: Board of Directors

Purpose:

To adopt guidelines for volunteers and employees when serving in the “Pit” (Skate Park, basketball, etc.) in order to ensure the safety of students, volunteers and/or staff.

Basis of Understanding:

1. The “Pit” is one of the most important ways in which we serve and witness to our youth.
2. The “Pit” allows the youth to enjoy the physical activity, get to know one another, and also foster camaraderie between students, volunteers and staff members.
3. The “Pit” will be used in a manner that is consistent with Cornerstone Youth Center’s *Statement of faith, Mission, Vision and Core Values*.
4. “Staff” refers to either paid and/or volunteer staff.

Policy:

1. Before any individual may participate in skating, a signed *Skate Park Waiver and Release of Liability* signed by a parent/guardian (under 18), must be completed.
2. Completed *Skate Park Waiver and Release of Liability* forms will be kept on file in the *Café*.
3. All Cornerstone Youth Center equipment used in the “Pit”, including ramps, skateboards, helmets, etc., must be inspected prior to each day’s use to ensure that all equipment is in good working order.
4. Staff must inspect the “Pit” for cleanliness before use and at the end of each day’s session. Any issues found must be cared for.
5. No youth will be permitted to skate who is not wearing proper safety equipment, as defined by the posted rules and guidelines.
6. Adult supervision (over the age of 18) by staff will be provided at all times especially when youth are skating or otherwise making use of the area.
7. Staff are responsible to ensure that participating youth follow posted rules and guidelines for safe skating and are skating within their skill set. Staff who observe unsafe behavior will give a verbal warning to offending individual(s). Continued unsafe behavior may result in removal from the activity.
8. All injuries to youth and/or cared for by staff (ice, Band-Aid, etc.) must be documented in the café computer system within 24 hrs. Incidents requiring notification of parents must be reported to the Executive Director within twenty-four (24) hours after they occur.