

PISCATAWAY DEPARTMENT ON AGING RULES OF PARTICIPATION

All members and guests of the Senior Center agree, as conditions of their participation, as follows:

- 1. Not engage in any activity that is disruptive to the legitimate use of Center facilities by others.**
- 2. Not engage in any activity that may present a danger to themselves or others. Fighting or challenging others to fight is prohibited. The police may be contacted in response to this behavior.**
- 3. Not use language or behavior that is abusive, loud, obscene, suggestive, or insulting. No verbal attacks, disparaging remarks, or threats will be tolerated against staff, volunteers, visitors or participants of the Center.**
- 4. Not harass or discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, or disabling condition.**
- 5. Not gamble, drink alcohol, take drugs, or smoke in the building. Smoking is permitted in front of the building at designated areas with ashtrays.**
- 6. Not participate while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs, or prescription medication which impairs motor skills.**
- 7. Not purposefully destroy or steal property or money in the building or on the grounds. Everyone shall leave the Center in the same, clean condition it was found in. Please push in chairs, throw away your trash, and clean off your tables prior to leaving. Treat the Center as if it was your home.**
- 8. Not conduct solicitation of business for yourself or others on Township property.**
- 9. Not engage in inappropriate touching or hugging of staff, volunteers, guests or participants.**
- 10. Not bring weapons, loaded or unloaded, licensed or not licensed into the Center nor on the grounds.**
- 11. Not use bathrooms for shaving, bathing, or washing your hair.**
- 12. Not lie down on chairs or sleep in the Center or on the grounds.**

IN ADDITION ALL SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANTS:

13. Proper hygiene is required at all times. If body odor or soiled clothing is offensive to others, you will be required to leave the Center or grounds.

14. Need to function in the center without one-on-one assistance or supervision from staff. Individuals who need assistance whether due to physical or mental limitations, must have a qualified companion or aide escort them at all times; provide any personal assistance needed; and agree to the Center's policies. Assistants will be required to fill out paperwork and sign a waiver. They may ride the bus to accompany and assist the senior member.

15. Must be able to move safely and independently in the Center (or use an assistive device safely and independently). Individuals are responsible for providing and maintaining personal assistive devices. If a member falls because he or she refuses to use an appropriate assistive device, the member will not be permitted to return to the Center without the device. (i.e. walker, quad cane, cane, wheelchair, etc.) The center reserves the right to approve or disapprove all assistive devices.

16. Obey staff instruction and decisions without argument or delay.

17. Remain flexible related to schedule changes due to emergencies or last minute schedule changes.

18. Resolve conflicts and differences in a manner characterized by respect and civility. If unable to resolve matters calmly, please notify a staff person for assistance.

19. No clubs or organizations may hold meetings in the Center unless approved, in writing by the Senior Center Director.

20. All potential classes or meetings must be approved by the Center Director. The Director must be notified about and approve any changes made in the planned curriculum. The Center reserves the right to schedule, modify the schedule or cancel, temporarily or permanently, all classes and meetings.

21. When using Center transportation, rules must be followed and you must comply with all instructions from the driver, or your transportation privileges may be revoked.

22. Not enter the office area, unless invited. This is to insure the privacy of confidential information. You may not enter the kitchen area due to safety issues and insurance regulations.

23. Only service animals may enter the building as long as they are restrained and under the control of their companion. The Center reserves the right to review and approve all service animals. No animals may be left tied outside the building.

24. Appropriately share equipment at the Center such as the pool tables or computers, and do not monopolize them.

25. Not loan or give membership I.D. cards or My Senior Center tags to anyone other than the original member. A violation will result in loss of privileges at the Center.

26. Lost membership cards or tags must be reported immediately to Center staff and a replacement will be issued for a \$2.00 fee.

The aforementioned rules also apply to other senior center activities such as travel, parties and special events, etc. Failure to abide by these rules may result in immediate removal, and/or temporary or permanent suspension of Center membership privileges.

Any questions about these policies should be addressed to the Center Director.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules of participation of Piscataway Senior Center. I understand that I risk suspension or expulsion from the Center if I do not comply.

Signed _____ Date _____