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THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA RECREATION GROUNDS RULES

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THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA RECREATION GROUNDS RULES, MADE UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE GOVERNMENT LAND (ST. JOHN'S) ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. These Rules may be cited as the Antigua and Barbuda Recreation Grounds Rules.

2. COMMITTEE. (1) The Antigua Recreation Grounds otherwise known as the Antigua Cricket Club Grounds, in these rules referred to as the Grounds, shall be occupied by and be under the control and

management of a Committee (to be called the Antigua and Barbuda Recreation Grounds Committee in these Rules referred to as the Committee) consisting of five persons who may be appointed by the Cabinet for such purpose and for such period as the Cabinet shall deem advisable.

(2) The appointment of any member of the Committee may be terminated at any time by the Cabinet.

(3) The quorum of the Committee shall be three members.

(4) One of the members of the Committee may be appointed by the Cabinet to be chairman thereof.

(5) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Committee, the Committee shall elect one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.

(6) The Cabinet may appoint some fit and proper person to be clerk to the Committee.

(7) The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalid on account of any vacancy therein.

3. GROUNDS OPEN TO PUBLIC. The Grounds shall be open daily to the public during such hours as the Committee may from time to time approve:

Provided that the Committee may close the Grounds or any part thereof to the public on special occasions when the Grounds are used for any of the purposes specified in rule 4.

4. POWERS OF COMMITTEE. The Committee may—

(a) make roads, walks, pathways, plant trees, shrubs and carry out such additions and improvements as they may deem advisable for the use, maintenance and improvement of the Grounds;

(b) erect fences, rails, tree-guards, seats, drinking fountains, swings, refreshment stands, band stands, temporary pavilions, scoreboards or other structures;

(c) rent or hire for a temporary period any portion of the Grounds to any society, club, person or persons with permission to erect thereon any tent, booth, stand, show or any other temporary structure;

(d) allot or set apart for so long a time and during such periods of the year as shall be specified by the Committee for the use of any association, society or club any portion of the Grounds for the purpose of laying down and maintaining cricket pitches or for playing the game of cricket or any game allowed to be played by the Committee or for any other use or purpose that may be approved by the Committee;

(e) grant permission on such conditions and at such rental as they may deem advisable to depasture stock, hold public meetings, processions, athletic sports, pyrotechnic displays, cricket, football, netball, soft ball, baseball, or boxing matches or any other game or sport approved by the Committee, or such other shows or public gatherings as they may deem advisable;

(f) generally manage and control the said Grounds;

(g) prevent any person from using the Grounds or any portion thereof if in the opinion of the Committee it may be necessary so to do for the proper upkeep and preservation of the Grounds.

5. REVENUE. Any rentals and other charges collected and received from any source whatsoever under the provisions of rule 4 shall be paid into a deposit account at the Treasury and may be used as directed by the Committee.

6. KEEPER. A Keeper may be appointed by the Committee subject to the approval of the Cabinet:

Provided that in case of sickness, absence on leave, suspension, retirement, resignation or dismissal the Chairman of the Committee may appoint someone to perform the duties of the office of Keeper temporarily pending an appointment by the Committee.

7. DUTIES OF KEEPER. The Keeper shall—

(a) have the general superintendence and charge of the Grounds and be responsible for good order and behaviour in the same;

(b) attend at the Grounds during the hours that it is open to the public.

8. OFFENCES. No person shall—

(a) in the Grounds pick any flower, or break the branches of any trees, shrubs or growing plants of any kind whatsoever;

(b) in the Grounds cut or carve upon any tree, bench, seat, tree-guard or other article or thing, or damage in any way any building or fence;

(c) be in the pavilion or any other building which may be erected on the Grounds without the permission of the Committee;

(d) in the Grounds behave in a riotous unseemly or disorderly manner or use any profane, blasphemous, indecent, insulting or abusive language or be found drunk or create a disturbance, or annoy or interfere with any person who may be in the Grounds or engaged in playing any game thereon;

(e) in the Grounds commit any nuisance, throw any excreta, or be indecently dressed or commit any indecent act;

(f) depasture stock in the Grounds without the written permission of the Committee;

(g) in the Grounds solicit alms, or expose any wounds or sores for the purpose of soliciting alms from any person;

(h) climb over or upon any fence, rail or otherwise interfere with any other structure appertaining to the Grounds;

(i) be in the Grounds if afflicted with leprosy, yaws, sores or other loathsome disease whatsoever;

(j) in the Grounds deposit broken glass or earthenware or bed grass or any kind of rubbish;

(k) in the Grounds, wash, dry or spread any clothes or bed or other linen;

(l) during such period as the Cabinet may by notice in the *Gazette* declare to be a controlled period in respect of the Grounds, bring into the Grounds any article or container, whether full or empty, made either wholly or partly of glass without the prior written permission of the Commissioner of Police, who when granting such permission may make the permission subject to such terms and conditions as he may think fit.

9. PENALTIES. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of rule 8 shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction to fine of one hundred and fifty dollars.

10. POWER TO REMOVE OR ARREST. It shall be lawful for any police officer, the Keeper or any other person appointed by the Cabinet or authorised by the Committee in that behalf—

(a) to exclude or remove from the Grounds any person infringing any of these rules;

(b) to arrest without warrant any person who within his view commits any breach of any of these rules, if the name and address of such person is unknown to such police officer, Keeper or person, or if such person continues to commit such breach after being warned to desist, and to detain him in custody until he can conveniently be brought before a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

11. SAVING. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules the Grounds shall always be liable to be used by the Cabinet for any purpose whatever for which they may requisition them, and on such occasions the public may, if necessary, be excluded therefrom; and the Committee shall only have the use of the Grounds when they are not required for such purpose.
