



Office of Strategic Venues & Event Services

GENERAL LAWN AND GROUNDS POLICY

DEFINITIONS

Important terms will be italicized throughout this document as a reference to the reader. To review the definitions of these terms, please visit the key terms section of the *Office of University Scheduling Policy & Procedure Manual*.

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The grounds of Belmont University are maintained for the use of entire community and for providing a campus environment that is safe, orderly and aesthetically pleasing. This policy refers to all grounds in general and specifically the North Lawn, the Lawn and the South Lawn, which are often used for recreational activities and campus programming. With this in mind, the following policy has been developed to balance maintenance of the lawn and grounds as well as needs and use of the campus community.

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Recognizing we are a residential campus, we believe that students need a place to relax, renew and recreate in outdoor spaces around campus. To that end, the lawns are able to be used for light active recreation such as Frisbee, jogging, or passing a ball.

Tournament and competition team sports play causes concentrated use of the lawn which both damages the turf and excludes the use of the space by others. These types of activities are not allowed.

As a result, these rules are in effect:

- Organized team sports play is not allowed on the lawn.
- Cleats are prohibited.
- No stakes are to be driven or other excavations allowed. Underground irrigation systems, electrical conduit and other utilities are located below the lawn and beds, some within 12" of the surface.
- Tarps or other ground covers shall not be placed on lawns for any reason for any length of time.
- Facilities Management Services reserves the right to prohibit use of lawns at any time due to field conditions and maintenance requirements.

We expect our community members to prioritize the safety of themselves and our campus resources in their use of the lawn and grounds. As such:

- No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on sidewalks, lawns or planted areas with an *exception of landscape vehicles and equipment, coordinated events by Event Services for programming.*
- Bike riding is prohibited on lawns.
- No person shall climb up or repel down any tree, building, or structure on University property. Attachment of hammocks, swings, or ropes of any kind to trees is prohibited.
- Walking pets without a leash is prohibited on campus.