

## **HIGHLAND UTAH EAST STAKE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF MEETINGHOUSES**

As with other sacred edifices throughout the Church, each meetinghouse within our stake has been dedicated to the Lord. They are to be places of worship and learning as well as appropriate recreation. It is the responsibility of each member of the stake to enter all meetinghouses with a reverential attitude, to assist in the maintenance of meetinghouses, and to help protect their security.

In harmony with the above standard, the following guidelines are provided for the use of meetinghouses in the Highland Utah East Stake:

1. All activities should be scheduled through the building scheduler in each building. This includes late night and early morning recreational activities. Groups who would like to use the cultural hall for athletic activities, must schedule ahead so they do not infringe upon other ward and stake meetings and activities.
2. Those members who have been called to secure our buildings have been directed to clear and secure our buildings by 10:00 PM on Tuesdays through Sundays and by 6:00 PM on Monday night. Normally it is expected that members using the building will complete their activities and vacate the building prior to these times.
3. If a ward or stake-sponsored activity extends beyond the time when the building is normally secured, the bishopric member in charge will assign one member to secure and lockup the building. Groups engaging in "pickup" athletics must vacate the building at the regular lockup time unless they have previously scheduled the building and provided the name of the designated lockup person OR provide the building lockup individual with the name and number of the group member who will be responsible for lockup at the end of the activity.
4. Church policy dictates that only those sport or athletic teams that are sponsored by the church are allowed to use church facilities for practices or games.
5. Any individuals or groups that schedule buildings for non-church-sponsored activities such as basketball, yoga, volleyball, pickleball, family events or receptions, should know that Church activities may displace them, including ward or stake events as well as funerals. Private sports and activity groups cannot schedule the building for more than 4 consecutive days or weeks in order to give all members an equal chance to schedule the building. Building schedulers and other members will help monitor building scheduling abuses.
6. Individuals, groups, wards or stake organizations using a building should ensure that they leave the building cleaner than they found it.

We appreciate the support of all members in applying these principles and procedures to the use of our sacred meetinghouses.