

FACILITY USAGE/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

FACILITY NAME _____

FACILITY is understood to include the Diocese of Yakima

FACILITY USER _____

DATES OF FACILITY USAGE _____

TYPE OF FACILITY USAGE _____

The above named FACILITY USER agrees to defend, protect, indemnify and hold harmless the above named FACILITY and the Diocese of Yakima against and from all claims arising from the negligence or fault of the above named FACILITY USER or any of its agents, family members, officers, volunteers, helpers, partners, organizational members or associates which arise out of the above identified FACILITY USAGE at the above named FACILITY.

FACILITY USER agrees to provide a certificate of insurance to the FACILITY which provides evidence of general liability coverage of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. FACILITY USER also agrees to have the FACILITY and the Diocese of Yakima named as an "additional insured" on its general liability policy for the DATE(S) OF FACILITY USAGE in relationship to the TYPE OF FACILITY USAGE for claims which arise out of FACILITY USER'S operations or are brought against the FACILITY by FACILITY USERS' employees, agents, partners, family members, students, customers, function attendees, guests, invitees, organizational members or associates. FACILITY USER also agrees to ensure that its liability insurance policy will be primary in the event of a covered claim or cause of action against FACILITY.

If and only if FACILITY USER fails to comply with the above (second) paragraph, then the above named FACILITY USER agrees to protect, defend, hold harmless and fully indemnify the above named FACILITY and the Diocese of Yakima for any claim or cause of action whatsoever arising out of or related to the usage which takes place during the above identified DATE(S) OF FACILITY USAGE that is brought against the FACILITY and the Diocese of Yakima by the above named FACILITY USER or its employees, agents, partners, family members, students, customers, function attendees, guests, invitees, organizational members or associates, even if such claim arises from the alleged negligence of the FACILITY, its employees or agents, or the negligence of any other individual or organization. If any sentence or paragraph of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance thereof, shall continue in full legal force and effect.

SIGNED BY: _____

(Must be an official agent of FACILITY USER)

NAME AND TITLE: _____

(Please print)

DATE: _____

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The Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement must be used when non-parish sponsored or affiliated groups use parish facilities on a short term basis such as one day or a week. The following groups are examples of non-parish/non-diocesan sponsored or affiliated groups that must sign the Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement:

1. Boy and Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus, American Legion or other similar organizations that use parish/school/institute facilities for meetings or fund raisers.
2. AAU sport teams or non-parish sponsored sport classes/clinics.
3. Parishioner and non-parishioner families that rent or use the parish facilities for wedding receptions, family reunions, anniversary parties or other similar activities. **(In lieu of signing the Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement, a parishioner or non-parishioner family may be eligible to purchase “Special Event” liability coverage through your parish via Catholic Mutual).** PLEASE NOTE FUNERAL LUNCHEONS ARE PARISH SPONSORED EVENTS.
4. Any other organization, municipality or county organization that uses parish/school/institute facilities for a meeting or function that is non-parish/non-diocesan sponsored.

The Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement requires the facility user to provide the facility with a certificate of insurance documenting general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 (one million) per occurrence. This certificate of insurance must name your facility and the Diocese of Yakima as an “additional insured”. It is not adequate to obtain a certificate of insurance which names the facility as a “certificate holder”.

It is often asked what criteria an organization must meet to be parish sponsored or affiliated. In the event of an insurance claim involving a potential non-parish sponsored activity, the following questions would be asked to further determine if a group was parish sponsored and eligible for insurance coverage:

1. Did the parish have full control over the group or function?
2. Did any costs or fees associated with the function flow through parish accounts?
3. Was the function or group open to all parish members?
4. Was the purpose of the function or group to facilitate learning, raise revenue for the parish or provide a social service on behalf of the parish?
5. Was the teacher or leader of the group a parish volunteer or employee?

In general, a group, which does not meet the definition of an affiliated organization or is unable to answer the above five questions in the affirmative would not be parish sponsored. Accordingly, that group must sign the Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement and supply the parish with the necessary insurance documentation.