

track and field equipment

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Dear Greg, (Beth Behrend, Thomas Venanzi, Brian Dzbenksi copied)

Thank you for having the discussion on use of equipment by outside groups at the PPS facilities committee meeting earlier this week. The discussion was in the particular context of the use of track and field equipment by a community based nonprofit organization.

As Thomas Venanzi suggested, I will follow up with Brian Dzbenksi, athletic director, so that Brian can produce a recommendation for the facilities committee on this issue.

I recall that Beth Behrend indicated that she would be the point of contact for the committee, together with yourself as committee chair.

Particular concerns raised were:

PPS equipment must be conserved for its paramount purpose, to serve PPS programs that educate the youth of Princeton.

-- How will the risk of damage to equipment be addressed?

-- What about ordinary wear of the equipment?

Is there a limiting principle? Other organizations might want to use other equipment. (One committee member asked, if PPS can be called on to provide four tables, why not 30 tables?)

What staff or administrative time will be required in order to make the equipment available?

There was also inquiry as to whether the facility and equipment accommodates all ages of participant.

It should be noted that I take positive action to make the sport is accessible to children. For example, when I have conducted the shot put event, my organization provided the full range of youth shots, weights for every youth age group from age 7 up, so that any child who wished to throw would have the opportunity.

If there are additional concerns to address, please let me know.

Thank you.

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