



Municipal Park Athletic Facility Conditions of Use

The Athletic Facility Conditions of Use are a supplement to the Athletic Facility Usage Information to ensure all facility users are aware of the rules and regulations governing the use of the Friends of Municipal athletic facilities. It is the responsibility of every team official, player, parents of players (for youth organizations), and spectator to be aware of the following terms and conditions in addition to the Athletic Facility Usage Information. Coaches and their affiliated organizations are responsible for players' and spectators' conduct and behavior while using the facility and surrounding areas. The facility applicant/permit holder must adhere to the city athletic facility's rules and regulations to ensure participants' safety and preserve the city facilities. Applicants/permit holders must inform visiting teams of these rules and regulations and make sure all officials fully enforce the Conditions of Use.

All participants are required to follow the Conditions of Use as outlined below:

FOM staff will open fields on permitted scheduled game days. Please call Friends of Municipal permit office at (251) 767-6476 if there are any delays in a field opening. For after-hours help, contact (251) 767-6476.

Field Conditions of Use

1. Priority field usage is given to permit holders.
2. The Friends of Municipal, Parks and Recreation Department does not allow games before 8:00 a.m. or later than 10 p.m. on any day (without prior authorization.)
3. Fields gates will open 30 minutes before official game time.
4. Warm-up areas are available between the fields.
5. Users may never hit balls against any fence.
6. Teams may never warm up in the outfield areas while a game is going on.
7. Fields are available for city-approved events, games, and practices.
8. Per the City ordinance, all athletic field lights are scheduled to end at 10:00 p.m.
9. Your permit time must include set up, warm-up, and clean up. Groups may not enter the facility before or after their scheduled time.
10. Spectators must remain in the designated spectator areas and not enter the synthetic turf, playing field area, and/or sideline areas.
11. Entrances to the field must stay clear for safety reasons.
12. Footwear on synthetic turf fields must be molded rubber cleats, turf, or running shoes. No metal cleats or screw-in plastic cleats are acceptable.
 - Teams using screw-in stud footwear on the synthetic turf field will be assessed damages, and home teams and officials will be liable for suspension of field privileges.
13. No chewing gum.

14. No tobacco products.
15. No food, snacks, or candy, including shelled nuts, such as sunflower seeds or peanuts.
16. No beverages (other than water in plastic bottles or team water container). No sports drinks and/or alcoholic beverages are acceptable on the synthetic fields.
17. No glass or metal containers of any kind.
18. No pets (except for approved service/assistance animals).
19. There are no bicycles, skates, skateboards, in-line skates, scooters, and/or any motorized vehicles on turf fields, playing fields, or facilities.
20. No wheeled ice coolers or ice chests are acceptable on the synthetic turf area.
21. No spitting on fields. In addition, team coaches or officials are required to notify city staff any time there is bodily fluids (i.e., blood, vomit) identified on the field surface.
22. No candles, open flames, fireworks, smoke bombs, or barbeque grills of any kind.
23. No tents, shade canopies, umbrellas, chairs/team benches, team or corner flags with sharp ends are acceptable on the synthetic field area. Tents, shade canopies, umbrellas, and team flags should be set up off to the side so spectator views are not blocked. No staking is acceptable at any Friends of Municipal Parks.
24. Only wide or flat-bottom chair supports are acceptable on synthetic field areas.
25. No vehicles may enter the synthetic field area.
26. No parking on grass areas. Permit holders are responsible for making sure participants, parents, and other team representatives adhere to this policy. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the permit.
27. No chalk, paint, or other field marking compounds on synthetic field area.
28. No hitting, kicking, or climbing on surrounding fencing with feet or sports equipment.
29. No picking or pulling of synthetic grass fibers or infill granules.
30. No digging into synthetic field areas with feet, hands, and/or any other object.
31. Player warm-ups or practices on the natural turf (especially during rainy conditions) before using the synthetic turf field should be minimized due to organic material being transferred onto the synthetic surface and causing increased maintenance.
32. Before entering the synthetic turf field areas, check footwear for compliance.
33. The permit holder is responsible for inspecting the playing surfaces and all other site amenities before the start of the permitted period. If deficiency or vandalism has occurred before the permitted period, immediately notify the Friends of Municipal Park to relieve the renting organization of responsibility for the pre-existing conditions. A voicemail message or text to the Rentals Coordinator at (251) 767-6476 is sufficient notification.
34. Approved permits (if applicable) will include access to the restrooms. The Permit Holder's responsibility includes cleaning and securing the restrooms.
35. All dates for potentially scheduled games require submission to FOM for approval.
36. FOM ambassadors will monitor approved permittee practices and games for compliance. If an infraction occurs, FOM will issue a written warning the first time. The second infraction will include the loss of the remaining permitted time **AND** damage deposit.