

## Lake Forest Athletic Field Rules & Regulations

### Deerpath Community Park

- The following are not permitted on any synthetic turf surface.
  - Coolers, food and/or beverages (except for water).
  - Outside catering (including food truck service).
  - Long cleats, studs or heels on footwear.
  - Tents, goals, or other structures.
  - Gum and sunflower seeds.
  - Pets
  - Lawn chairs without distinct round or square feet.

### General

- User must clean up all trash and other debris at any Field. If recycling containers are available, they must be utilized.
- The following are not permitted at all Lake Forest Fields, including parking lots or adjacent areas.
  - The consumption or carrying of alcoholic beverages.
  - Smoking and/or vaping.
  - The sale or marketing of any products or services.
  - Tents or any other structures (without City approval).
  - Outside catering (including food truck service) is not permitted without City approval at Lake Forest Fields.
- The following applies to frost and/or snow-covered Fields.
  - No User may use a Field until all frost or snow has melted.
  - Shoveling of snow or frost from any Field is not permitted.
- Balls and other equipment thrown, batted, kicked or otherwise that land on private property must not be retrieved without the property owner's permission.
- Property boundary walls, facility walls, and diamond fencing may not be used as backstops or practice areas at any time.
- All accidents, breakage, or loss must be reported to City staff.
- The City is responsible for preparing fields and will supply and place goals, pitching rubbers, bases, and goal posts as part of the field set up. No City equipment or property shall be removed from the premises without prior written permission from the City.
- Moving of any equipment and/or amenities is not allowed unless authorized by City staff.
- The User must supply their own balls & equipment. Any special equipment, such as a sound system or decorations, must be requested in writing and be pre-approved before the use of a Field, and additional permits or insurance may be required.

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- Painting of a Field by a User is not permitted. Any special markings to fields must be requested by the User and performed by City staff and may increase rental fees. This provision includes field size changes and additional field layouts or setup.
- Automobiles shall be parked only in designated areas. Driveways and entrances must always be clear. The posted speed limit must be observed. No vehicles may be parked on grass at any time. Violators may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. Drivers are parking at, and expressly assuming, their own risk of vehicle damage due to an errant ball or object, even if parked in designated areas.
- City will give the User a permit to show authorization to use a field. A Permit is not valid if events are cancelled by the City.
- An approved permit must be available during use and presented to any City representative upon request.
- Users must have an identifiable representative, over the age of 21, on site for the duration of the rental that City staff can contact about any problems or concerns.
- Permits are not transferable. The User must ensure that no unauthorized third party is occupying or using the Field rented by the User.
- Field use is limited to the specified times as noted on the permit. If warm-up time is needed, then that must be included in the rental Application.
- The User is not allowed to use any Field prior to the start time on the permit and are required to exit the field and have adjacent areas cleaned up at the ending time indicated on the permit.
- Permits may be revoked if there is failure to follow City regulations or for other reasons determined by, and in the sole direction of, the City.
- The City does not assume any liability or responsibility for property damaged, lost, or stolen on City premises or for personal injuries sustained on the premises during rental of field. All Users and their invitees are expressly assuming all risk of damage to their persons or property by entering upon any Field.
- Federal, state, county, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including all City ordinances and policies, must be adhered to by the User and its invitees. Non-compliance may result in consequences up to expulsion from the Field.

## **Lightning Prediction System / Weather Related Emergency Procedures**

The City utilizes a Lightning Prediction System at most parks in Lake Forest. The system predicts strikes by measuring electrostatic charges on the ground and in the air. Below is a description of the protocol.

When the system predicts lightning in the area, a 15-second warning horn will sound. Depending upon weather conditions, the warning horn may be heard within a two-block radius. Any horn heard means everyone on Field grounds must **seek shelter immediately**

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to a covered building structure or a hard-top vehicle. All activities on Field grounds must stop when a horn sounds.

After the danger is reduced, an all-clear signal of three short horn blasts will sound. A strobe light located on the Thor Guard system will also flash continuously until the danger has passed.

All patrons are to use common sense when they hear thunder and/or observe lightning in the area and proceed to a safe location. In all cases, patrons must be aware of weather and weather changes and follow the rules outlined in this policy. Failure to follow these rules will result in losing the ability to use the parks and facilities in the future and forfeiture of any deposit fees.