



Athletic Fields Conditions of Use

The Athletic Field Conditions of Use are a supplement to the Athletic Fields Usage Information to ensure all field users are aware of the rules and regulations governing use of the City of Mobile athletic fields. 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 Fields Usage Information. Coaches and their affiliated organizations are responsible for the conduct and behavior of players and spectators on the field and in the surrounding areas. The facility applicant/permit holder must adhere to the rules and regulations governing city athletic fields in order to ensure both the safety of participants and the preservation of the city facility. Applicants/permit holders must inform visiting teams of these rules and regulations, and make sure all officials fully enforce the Conditions of Use.

To protect the field's surfaces and maximize the life of both the natural and synthetic turf, all participants are required to follow the Conditions of Use as outlined below:

City staff will open fields on permitted scheduled game days. Please call Parks and Recreation rentals at (251) 208 -1620 if there are any delays in a field opening. For after hours help contact (251) 610-3106.

Field Conditions of Use

1. Priority field usage given to permit holders.
2. The City of Mobile, Parks and Recreation Department does not permit games to be scheduled before 8:00 a.m., or later than 10 p.m. on any day (without prior authorization.)
3. Fields gates will open 30 minutes prior to 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 games, practices, and City approved events.
8. Per City ordinance, all athletic field lights are schedule to end at 10:00 p.m.
9. Your reservation 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.
 - Players found with 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. No bicycles, skates, skateboards, in-line skates, scooters, and/or any motorized vehicles on turf fields, playing fields, or in the 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 City of Mobile 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 chalk, paint or other field marking compounds on synthetic field area.
27. No hitting, kicking or climbing on surrounding fencing with feet or sports equipment.
28. No picking or pulling of synthetic grass fibers or infill granules.
29. No digging into synthetic field areas with feet, hands, and/or any other object.
30. Player warm-ups or practices on the natural turf (especially during rainy conditions) prior to using the synthetic turf field should be minimized due to organic material being transferred onto the synthetic surface and causing increased maintenance to the field.
31. Before entering the synthetic turf field areas, check footwear for compliancy.
32. The permit holder is responsible for inspecting the playing surfaces and all other site amenities prior to the start of the permit period. If deficiency or vandalism has occurred before the start of the permit period, immediately notify the City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Rentals Division, in order to relieve the renting organization of responsibility for the pre-existing conditions. A voicemail message to the Rentals Coordinator at (251) 208-1620 or (251) 610-3106 is sufficient notification.
33. Approved permits (if applicable), will include access to the restrooms. The Permit Holder's responsibility includes cleaning and securing the restrooms, as well as following the current COVID-19 guidelines during each permitted date and time.
34. All dates for potentially scheduled games require submission to MPRD for approval.
35. MPRD social distancing ambassadors will monitor approved permittee practices and games for compliancy. If an infraction occurs, MPRD will issue a written warning the first time. The second infraction will include the loss of remaining permitted time **AND** damage deposit.

NOTE: *All information is subject to change based on evolving conditions and potential restrictions directed by the State of Alabama and Mobile County Health Departments or other State or County Directives.*