



RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTIVE #56

TITLE: Use of Artificial Turf Fields

DIRECTIVE: The installation of artificial turf fields creates new opportunities for recreation programming and extended use of the field.

1. Artificial turf fields may be used 12 months per year.
 - a. All outdoor field use from December 1 to March 1 must be directed to artificial turf fields.
 - b. Refer to Directive #12 for program seasons for activities held March 1 through November 30.
2. Inclement Weather
 - a. Use of the artificial fields during any inclement weather will be determined by the Community Supervisor or designated Department staff.
 - b. In a snow event, the snow will be allowed to melt naturally. No snow removal equipment will be used.
 - c. Play may be held during a rain event. If thunder and/or lightning occur, follow Directive #13.
3. Drink/Food/Tobacco Products
 - a. Water only. Flavored drinks, sport drinks, soda and coffee are not allowed,
 - b. No food. This includes gum, fruit, team snacks, etc.
 - c. Tobacco products are not allowed on or near the artificial turf field.
4. Pets
 - a. No pets will be allowed on the artificial turf at any time.
5. County Leadership
 - a. Paid Baltimore County leadership is required for all permitted activities on artificial turf fields.
 - b. Leadership for adult programs, non-recreation council groups and tournaments must be paid through Gifts and Grants.
 - c. Recreation council programs extending their seasons may be required to pay Gifts & Grants leadership (reference Directive # 8, Group Leadership).
6. Priority Use—Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Department sponsored events have first priority use of artificial turf facilities.
 - a. Community Parks
 - I. Local recreation and parks council
 - II. Other Baltimore County recreation and parks councils
 - III. Baltimore County Public Schools
 - IV. Outside groups
 - b. Regional Facilities
 - I. Recreation and parks councils in the primary service area, as listed in the Regional Facility Manual
 - II. Recreation and parks councils in the secondary service area, as listed in the Regional Facility Manual
 - III. Other Baltimore County recreation and parks councils
 - IV. Baltimore County Public Schools
 - V. Outside groups
 - c. Baltimore County Public Schools
 - I. Reference the Guidelines for Baltimore County Public Schools and Department of Recreation and Parks Joint Use of High School Stadiums.
 - d. Community College of Baltimore County
 - I. Reference the Memorandum of Understanding regarding CCBC artificial turf field use.

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