



**CITY OF PORTLAND
DEPARTMENT OF THE PARKS, RECREATION &
FACILITIES
Athletic Facilities Usage Policy**



It is the goal of the Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department to provide beautiful, well-run sporting facilities for the citizens of Portland and all others who wish to use them. It is the intention of this policy to provide a simple and fair application procedure to facilitate that goal.

This policy covers the use of the following City owned facilities for all organized sports and activities: Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadiums, Payson Park Fields, Kiley Softball Field, Quinn Softball Field, Dougherty Fields, Riverton Fields, Deering High School Complex, Lyman Moore Fields, Deering Oaks Baseball Field, Preble St. Field, Fox St. Field, East End School Softball Field and all tennis/basketball/volleyball courts and any other unmentioned athletic City owned facility.

A. School Use: September-June ~ Use During the School Year

The School Department will have priority on weekdays from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM for practices and games on Turf fields – 6:00pm on grass fields. The School Department will have priority on Saturdays until noon (on Turf fields). No field use may be scheduled outside those times without written authorization by the Recreation Supervisor.

- All athletic facility use during the season, off-season and summer will be scheduled through the department.
- It shall be the responsibility of each school's Athletic Director to furnish the department with a schedule of all games and practice schedules, at the earliest possible date. The AD must also notify the department of any schedule changes due to cancellations, postponements, deletions, additions, etc. Scheduled changes for use of fields for games and practices are not final until the department approves such changes.
- Please do not call the crew members, call our department office 207-808-5400.
- All schedule changes must be made at least 24 hours in advance, whenever possible. The department will not guarantee that fields will be lined or staffed if the notification is less than 24 hours in advance.
- Field lining materials used to line fields for scheduled games will be charged to the respective school for the actual cost of materials used. The School Department will be financially responsible for the hours used to maintain, prepare and staff events from Athletic Facilities Staff as needed.

B. Public Use of Portland's Athletic Facilities

The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department schedules the use of City athletic facilities. All organizations or groups must schedule their use with Recreation Supervisor in order to ensure access. In order to use a field, court or facility, an application must be obtained from the department. Once the application has been scheduled and the use paid for in advance, **a permit will be given to the team/group leader and must be in possession of someone at the field site.**

- **Organizations or Programs requesting "Portland Resident" status need to have 75% of its active roster or participants to be City of Portland residents. Rosters with proof of residency are required. See section G.**
- Scheduled time for team use will be strictly enforced. When applying for time, please ensure your warm-up time and entire time needed for a game are requested. Because of field time constraints, teams will not be allowed to start early or finish late.
- ***The consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or use of illegal drugs by players or spectators on city-owned property is prohibited.*** Violations of this policy will result in the cancellation of the particular game being played and, if necessary, the remaining games. Players, spectators, tournament directors, coaches, captains, etc., may have their user privileges revoked upon the severity of the infraction. See Section G.
- Leagues, organizations and individuals who utilize the athletic fields are responsible for the conditions of the fields they use. Debris or garbage must be picked up and placed in appropriate trash receptacles if available or carried out. Equipment (bases, goals, etc.) will not be supplied by Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department and are not a part of the fee.
- All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas, no vehicles are allowed to park in any grass areas at any of the City's fields/parks or inside any fenced areas.
- The Parks Department has the right to grant or reject any application for field use for any reason.

C. Usage Policies for The Individual Fields:

Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadium Usage Policy

Scheduling of Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadiums is done by the City of Portland's Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department. Any event with a projected spectator attendance in excess of eight hundred (800) is a special event and requires a PAD, as a special event, if it's in the sole opinion that spectator attendance is likely to exceed 800. These events require that you contract for event management staff, other required staff and any auxiliary facilities through PAD. When renting one of these stadiums, you are renting just the field. Standard rental is for field use only. Scoreboards or P/A use, additional field lining, porta potty or bathrooms etc. are priced separately.

Memorial Stadium Sound/Noise Policy

Because Memorial Stadium is in a residential neighborhood the following additional restrictions shall be enforced:

- Use of noise producing items like horns, drums, cowbells or any other noise producing type are strictly prohibited.
- Decibel level for the P/A system must be kept under the posted (next to the sound meter above the P/A) level.
- The P/A will not be used before 10am on Sundays or after 10pm any night of the week.

Prioritization of Use

The School Department will have use of the facility in the fall and spring seasons during the school year:

- Monday through Friday from 2:30 PM – 7:00 PM excluding varsity football games on Friday nights or other nights due to extenuating circumstances such as religious holidays. Saturdays the School Department will have priority scheduling until 12:00 PM. On all Saturdays, the field will be available for recreational users beginning 12:00 PM.
- Scheduled time for teams will be strictly enforced. When applying for time, please ensure your warm up time and entire time needed for a game are requested. Because of field time constraints, teams will not be allowed to start early or finish late unless authorized.
- At the end of scheduled time all groups must move PROPERLY any goals or equipment used, outside of the fenced in track/field areas unless otherwise directed by Athletic Facilities personnel.
- The School Department will work with the Athletic Facilities Division to schedule football team practice at Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadiums in inclement weather so that natural grass fields will not be damaged. High School football practice in inclement weather should be a priority over non-varsity games.
- The School Department will be responsible for scheduling all school games at Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadiums through the recreation department.
- School Booster groups are to be charged at youth resident rates when conducting "Play Days" and/or using field time outside their normal season and school use period.
- Any group using the fields which is school related but not an actual "school team event" during or after the school season or year will be charged at the youth resident rate.

Recreational Groups

- Resident groups will have priority at Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadiums after the times allocated to the Portland School Department. This includes both youth and adult programs.
- Scheduled time for teams will be strictly enforced. When applying for time, please ensure your warm up time and entire time needed for a game are requested. Because of field time constraints, teams will not be allowed to start early or finish late unless authorized.
- Teams must wait outside of general playing surface of each field until the previous group departs.
- At the end of scheduled time, all groups must PROPERLY move any goals or equipment used, outside of the fenced in track / field areas unless otherwise directed by department.
- When renting one of these stadiums, you are renting just the field. Standard rental is for field use only. Scoreboards or P/A us, any goals or additional field lining, porta potty or bathrooms etc. are priced separately.

D. Fee Schedules

Field reservations are not confirmed and will be tentative until 50% of the field usage fee is received. All fees are due a minimum of 20 days prior (or game day if made inside of 20 days) to the first date of scheduled use. The City shall assess a late charge of 5 percent per month if the field rental fees are not received before usage.

Groups with outstanding bills cannot reserve fields and lose any priority status until old bills are paid.

No field maybe used without payment in full and a verified roster (for residency status – copy of a license for adults, addresses for youths). Fees are assessed on your reserved time, not time used.

E. City's Cancellation of Field Use Policy

School Activities:

The following process is used to determine if games or practices will be played.

- The Athletic Facilities Supervisor inspects fields and recommends to the department to cancel games.
- The Department Rep contacts the affected school's Athletic Director regarding cancellations.
- The Department Rep will make the final determination on the decision.

Non-School Activities:

In the event of inclement weather or wet field conditions, the City may revoke permission to use fields, even for previously scheduled activities. The Parks/Recreation Division reserves the right to cancel or postpone any scheduled games, events, and/or practices due to field conditions and/or priority schedules. If for any other reason a field needs to be cancelled, i.e., irrigation leak, Department Rep will call the designated field contact for that team, league, etc. If the department deems the fields playable, teams may cancel on their own, but will still be charged for usage.

All non-school users are required to check the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Cancellation Hotline (756-8130) and/or Facebook page whenever play conditions are questionable. If a field user does not check the cancellation line or gets on a field that has been cancelled for that day, they risk losing future usage of the City of Portland's athletic facilities. The Cancellation Line is updated on weekdays by 4:00 PM and weekends by 8:00 AM.

F. Renter Cancellation/Refund: *(This is strictly enforced)*

- **All turf facilities rented in blocks (more than 3 dates for usage for a league/season) are subject to pay in full for their usage at Fitzpatrick and Memorial Stadiums regardless of time used. The only caveat is for a weather cancelation made by the City of Portland.**
- For activities on grass fields, canceled by the RENTER 20 business days or more in advance, RENTER will be refunded 100 percent of fees paid, less the City's current processing fee.
- For activities on grass fields, canceled by the RENTER 10 business days to 19 business days in advance, RENTER will be refunded 50 percent of fees paid, less the City's current processing fee if the city can re-rent the field.
- For activities on grass fields, refunds will not be granted for activities canceled by the RENTER under any circumstances if: activities canceled less than 10 business days prior to the scheduled activity, or canceled after the activity has started, or canceled after the activity was scheduled to start.

G. Portland's Athletic Facilities House Keeping and Safety Rules

In order to ensure the safety of patrons, to protect, properly maintain, maximize the life of the Fitzpatrick & Memorial Stadium's Artificial Field Turf and Track as well as our other facilities, the City of Portland's Parks, Recreation and Facilities urges all users to comply with the rules listed below. Please make every effort to help us sustain these beautiful facilities.

***** THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL COACHES, TRAINERS & PLAYERS *****

- **Gum, candy and SEEDS are not allowed on any of the fields or tracks. Please!!!!**
- **Soft toss or any type of hitting drills is strictly forbidden at, on or around field fencing. Portland has gone to great lengths & expense to replace facility fencing. Teams or individuals that damage the fencing will be held monetarily responsible for the damages and will lose future field privileges.**
- **Do not climb over or on fencing. If you kick a ball over the goal, walk around the fence to get it.**
- **When inclement weather or maintenance closes a field or facility, there can be no activity on that field or facility. Teams or individuals that damage the facilities, by violating this policy, will be held monetarily responsible for the damages and will lose future field privileges.**
- **Sport drinks, soda, juices, and/or drink supplements are NOT allowed on the playing surface or track.**

Please - Only water is allowed on the track and the synthetic fields.

- In the interest of safety, spectators are not allowed on the track or field when games or practices are being played.
- **Alcohol, smoking, drugs or weapons are not allowed on any CITY property at anytime.**
- Metal or rubber spikes damage the track surface and are not permitted on the track.
- Animals are not allowed on Portland's athletic fields or in the facilities. Active licensed service dogs are welcomed.
- Bikes or other wheeled mechanisms are not allowed on the track unless they are for disabled users and get special permission. Arrangements may be made to accommodate disabled users.
- Teams cannot enter track / field area until; the prior group is off track / field.
- Use of noise producing items like horns, drums, cowbells or any other noise producing type are strictly prohibited.
- Please obey Noise regulations posted by each P/A system to reduce noise pollution outside the stadiums.
- **No Vehicles are allowed inside Fitzpatrick or Memorial Stadium fencing.**
- **Accessible parking is available at both Memorial and Fitzpatrick Stadiums in the adjacent parking lots.**

H. Application and Scheduling Procedures

- All applications should be sent by e-mail to nc@portlandmaine.gov. If you're requesting resident status, include a verified roster. Verification may be made by submitting a copy of each player's driver license or an address for a youth. If you're affiliated with an organization or league, please ensure they have verified the roster as well.
- The Parks/Recreation Division will use a priority system to determine who has priority over another group for requested same date and time conflicts. Most conflicts can be avoided by adjusting times. We ask that you be flexible with your requested playing times.
- Priority for scheduling will be Portland Youth, Portland Adults, and then non-Portland resident users.

For Stadium, court or field use between usage - March 1st and November 1st- Application forms must be received between January 1st and January 31st. Scheduled times released early February.

Applications received after requested dates will lose priority status and will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. The department shall have discretion to resolve scheduling conflicts by determining use of the field upon historical use, community interest or other factors. Summer Leagues and annual camps, based on their history will have priority over newly established leagues or camps. Every effort will be made to ensure a satisfactory outcome of all scheduling conflicts. Large quantities of time may not be available to ensure others are able to play.

No Application or reservation will be accepted if you owe a balance on your account.

PLEASE RESPECT THE FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND EACH OTHER.

If there is anything the Athletic Facilities Division can do to enhance your sporting experience,
Please do not hesitate to call 808-5400 or e-mail: nc@portlandmaine.gov



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212 Canco Road, Suite A ~ Portland ~ ME ~ 04103 207-808-5443
Application for Use of Athletic Facilities



****SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE TIME OR SPACE****

TEAM/LEAGUE					SPORT			
MANGER/COACH or CONTACT PERSON					Date of Birth			
ADDRESS				CITY			STATE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE			WORK PHONE			CELL PHONE		
EMAIL ADDRESS					ANTICIPATED EVENT ATTENDANCE			
RESERVATION DATE	FACILITY RESERVATION REQUEST				TIME(S)			
SPECIAL REQUEST:								

*Proof of resident status and team roster must be provided with application.					
Fitzpatrick Stadium & Memorial Stadium	Per Hour	With Lights	Ball Fields, Courts & Athletic Facilities	Per Hour	With Lights
Youth Resident	\$ 50.00	\$125.00 *	Youth Resident (in-season)	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00 *
Adult Resident	\$ 95.00	\$170.00 *	Adult Resident	\$ 45.00	\$ 115.00 *
Youth Non-Resident	\$ 100.00	\$175.00	Youth Non-Resident	\$ 50.00	\$ 115.00
Adult Non-Resident	\$190.00	\$265.00	Adult Non-Resident	\$ 90.00	\$ 155.00
			For-Profit/Travel Youth Group	\$ 35.00	\$ 105.00
			Tennis/Volleyball Courts	\$10.00/HR per Court	
			Futsal Court	\$25/HR	\$50/HR
Baseball and Softball Fields are subject to additional \$20/hr. for weekend play to offset staffing					

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Please make checks payable to "City of Portland".

WE ACCEPT VISA OR MASTERCARD ONLY				EXPIRATION DATE	MONTH	YEAR
CREDIT CARD NUMBER						

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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Please return application to Parks, Recreation, Facilities Department 212 Canco Road, Suite A ~ Portland ~ ME ~ 04103 ~ Fax ~ 207-808-5443

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY							
Date Received	Visa Amount	MC Amount	Check #	Check Amount	Cash Amount		