



Natick Recreation and Parks Department

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Field Rules & Regulations

General Rules and Regulations

The Town of Natick and Director of Recreation & Parks, Land Facilities Supervisor, High School Athletic Director or an authorized representative retains the right to set conditions and requirements suitable for safe, reasonable, and orderly use of the parks and fields. Violation of rules and regulations may result in the field use permit being revoked.

1. Any person (s) violating the established Rules and Regulations or constituting a public nuisance may be required to leave the premises.
2. Permit holders are only to use those fields specifically designated on the permit. There may be another group following yours, so it is essential that the field is vacated by the scheduled ending time.
3. The reservation is for field use only. Field permits are issued "AS IS": bases, goals, balls and other equipment are not included in the permit.
4. All trash must be placed in proper receptacles. User groups are responsible for making sure the area is picked up at the end of their daily use period (this includes under bleachers and the perimeter of the field). We take pride in our green initiatives.
5. Drills that result in excessive wear shall be conducted outside of the marked playing surface. Please do not use lines for impact running drills.
6. User groups are expected to use good judgment to ensure unnecessary wear during non game time activities.
7. Vehicles may not be driven or parked on turf areas, sidewalks, service driveways, or emergency zones, no exceptions.
8. There is no alcohol or tobacco consumption allowed on Town owned property.
9. There is no subletting of any field or facility in the Town of Natick. Permit holder must be present on site during the field or facility usage.
10. Full responsibility and liability for property damage will be assumed by the user group.



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General Rules and Regulations Continued

11. The Town of Natick carries no medical insurance for users of its facilities. Users participate at their own risk of injury.
12. There is to be no trespassing on a butter's property for any reason.
13. There is no grilling (either gas or charcoal) allowed at the fields in town.
14. The Town of Natick asks that all pets be on leashes. Under no circumstances should pets be on playing surfaces.
15. Use of Lights, Bathrooms Facilities or PA System requires prior approval.

Please note the following field specific policies:

Synthetic Field and Track Use

- ✓ Proper foot wear at all times on both the track and synthetic field.
- ✓ No items of any kind should be placed on the track surface, including bags, tables, and goals.
- ✓ Walkway mats shall be used by all user groups to access the synthetic surface. The user group shall be responsible for rolling up the protective mat after each use. The mat shall be the only pathway to access the synthetic surface with cleats on.
- ✓ Water only, no other sport drinks or beverages allowed on track or synthetic surface.

Baseball and Softball

- ✓ Soft toss against fences shall not be allowed.
- ✓ Standing water SHALL NOT be shoveled, bucketed, or swept out in any fashion. Field grooming shall be conducted by the LFNR staff, or by approved individuals that have been properly instructed by the LFNR supervisor.
- ✓ Only those amendments approved by LFNR shall be used for water removal and infield conditioning.



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Rainy Days/Wet Fields

All fields (with the exception of artificial turf) in the Town of Natick are closed for use by anyone during the months of late November – through March. To prevent damage and for safety reasons, the fields are not to be used in rain, wet, frost or frozen conditions. Please do not allow your participants to play in any unsafe conditions and report such conditions (if necessary) to the Land Facilities Division at (508) 647-6558.

If there are questions as to whether or not a field can be played on, you should check the posting on the town website. Change in status due to changing weather conditions will be updated by 2pm for daily evening play and by 7am for weekend play.

Guidelines for cancellation of activity on Town/School fields:

1. If a footstep leaves an impression on the turf or if the grass is removed easily with a cleat, this is considered a wet field.
2. Standing puddles of water on a field, ground is water logged and/or squishy.
3. Footing is unsure and slippery.
4. Lightening or thunder is present or severe weather warnings are present.
5. Unsafe facility conditions – glass, exposed stones and rocks, etc.
6. Frost present or frozen fields.

Youth Group Field Coordinators Responsibilities

Although fields may be open for play, weather and field conditions may deteriorate by game time, in these situations, it is the responsibility of the field use coordinator to determine whether or not to resume play.

Closed or restricted areas:

A closed field area is at the discretion of the Director of Recreation & Parks, Land Facilities Supervisor, NHS Athletic Director or the Town's designee. Any section or part of any park, facility or field may be declared closed to the public at any time for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regularly scheduled maintenance intervals.

Knowledge of a group playing on or damaging turf may result in the immediate cancellation of that permit and/or fines imposed to repair such damage. Please call the Land Facilities Department to report damage immediately at 508 647-6558. **Refunds will not be issued for inclement weather but every effort will be made to reschedule the event.**