

City of Gaithersburg  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

POLICIES FOR USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS  
ADDENDUM B - COVID 19 – Phase 2

The following are additional requirements and policies to be implemented during Phase 2 of the reopening of City of Gaithersburg fields. This coincides with Montgomery County’s move to Phase 2 of the State of Maryland’s Road to Recovery. During this time, individuals and groups who request and are granted a permit for use of a City Athletic Field will be held responsible for the following:

- Athletic fields are only to be used by the athletic field permit holder and at their own risk.
- Permit holders must provide to the City an implementation plan for daily health screening of staff and youth athletes, which includes recommended CDC or Maryland Department of Health (MDH) questions and screenings.
- Groups must maintain a log including the day, date, time and name of all individuals who are at the field during the time of the rental. This information is important should contact tracing be needed.
- Groups must inform the City if any person associated with their group, who attended a program at a City field. tests positive for COVID-19.
- During Phase 2, team workouts and practices are allowed at City fields.
- NO GAMES, TOURNAMENTS OR LARGE EVENTS ARE PERMITTED.
- No “group” may exceed the following number of individuals at any time on the field:

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| Lakelands            |         |
| Auxiliary            | 25      |
| Turf                 | 50      |
| Diamond Fields A & B | 50 each |
| Morris Park          |         |
| Walker               | 50      |
| Morris               | 50      |
| Robertson Park       |         |
| Upper Field          | 50      |
| Lower Field          | 25      |
| Kelley Park          |         |
| Fields 1, 2 & 3      | 50 each |

- Individuals shall maintain 6 feet of physical distance whenever and as often as possible.
- All activities should be limited to avoid contact with other players.
- Coaches and youth participants must wear face masks and/or face coverings when not involved with drills or activities. Face coverings are preferred but not required while participating.
- It is preferred that parents/guardians, spectators, and individuals from outside the program remain in their cars. If they must be present on the field, face coverings and social distancing are required.
- A participants or coach who exhibits signs of illness must be removed from the facility immediately and not return until medically cleared
- Team huddles, high fives and handshakes or other close contact activities are restricted.
- Equipment, gear and all high contact surfaces must be frequently cleaned and disinfected by the permit holder.
- Field times will be staggered to avoid athletic field permit holders from crossing paths. Permit holders who impact the next field permit holder by staying on an athletic field past their designated timeslot may forfeit future permitted field use.
- Allow 15-minutes between each team’s practice for permits that involve multiple teams on the same field. One team must leave the field area 15 minutes prior to the arrival of the next team.

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- All athletic permit holders **must** communicate the new guidelines to all players and coaches prior to athletic field usage (e.g. via virtual web call or email).
- The City of Gaithersburg reserves the right to establish and enforce policies and procedures over and above those recommended by County, State and Federal guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Youth-Sports-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>

[https://www.marylandsports.us/sites/default/files/Return2Play/MDSports\\_ReturntoPlay%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://www.marylandsports.us/sites/default/files/Return2Play/MDSports_ReturntoPlay%20Report_0.pdf)