

City of Deer Park Athletic Field Rentals

Field Rental Procedures

Rental Process

To rent a field, you must email fieldrental@deerparktx.org, so that accommodations can be made. Please note, due to the popularity of our fields and maintenance preparation, it can be difficult to accommodate last minute requests. City of Deer Park fields are available to rent upon request and when available on a first come, first served basis. For practices, reservations must be made, at a minimum, seven days prior to the desired time to rent. When requesting for a field, you will need to provide your contact information, date of rental, time, and if lights are required on the date you are requesting to rent. If your reservation is approved someone from the front desk will contact you for payment. If you miss their phone call you can call them back, before your reservation, starting at 8:01am through 4:59pm Monday through Friday. Their contact will be below. Reservations are not available to be made online. Note: The City of Deer Park does not have the authority to assign middle school or high school field. Contact the Deer Park Independent School District for information.

Requirements

For practices, reservations must be made, at a minimum, seven days prior to the desired time to rent. They can be booked no later than 6 weeks before the date of your booking.

For tournaments, four weeks prior notice is required. You must sign all the necessary forms and pay at the time of reservation by credit/debit card. Payment secures your space thereby, meaning that you cannot hold a reservation without all monies paid up front. Fields are available for all including non-residents of Deer Park.

Practices: (to be considered a practice there will be no field Prep)

The Minimum amount the can be rented for is 2 hours. Then can be in hour increments after that.

The Maximum time a field can be rented out for practice is 4 hours.

Hours: Monday-Friday 12 noon to 11pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 11pm

If Adult Softball is in season, we only rent out the adult softball complex on Monday, Friday-Sunday.

These rentals include access to the restrooms. Not included are: field markings or scoreboards. **In an effort to accommodate as many people as possible, practices can only be scheduled six weeks in advance. Practices can only be scheduled up to twice per week for a total of six weeks** *To cancel a practice:*

Send an email to fieldrental@deerparktx.org, You may also call the Parks and Recreation business office before 6 pm or the athletics office at (281)-478-2056. All cancelations must be done 7 days in advance. If the City cancels your rental, you will not be charged and will be offered to reschedule the rental or be issued a refund.

Tournaments: (if there is field prep it is considered a Tournament) Fridays,

Saturdays and Sundays - 8am to 11pm.

Includes bases and restrooms. (Bases will not be moved)

Initial sidelines and batter's box will be marked with chalk. Maintenance during the remainder of the rental is up to the renter.

Contact Info

Community Center: 281-478-2050

Athletic personnel: 281-478-2056

Deer Park Police Non-Emergency: 281-479-1511

Rainout Line: 281-478-2099 (refer to rain out policy)

Field Rental Costs

Monday through Thursday (\$25/hour) (2 hour minimum)

Friday through Sunday (\$45/hour) (2 hour minimum)

Tournaments —\$200 per field

Weekend Tournament Deposit—\$500

Field Lights: \$10/hour/ per field

Note: if you need more than two hours of practice, it is in 2-hour increments.

Concession Stand

The concession stand is available for rent. If you are interested in selling items, you are responsible for paying the rental fee of \$250 to the City of Deer Park when reserving for your rental. If you are selling hot/cooked food such as, BBQ for a fundraiser, you will also need a Harris County Food Permit. The temporary permit is \$80 and can be obtained from the Harris County Health District directly.

At some field locations, the concession stand may not be available due to the fact that it occupies belongings to another organization affiliated with the city.

Rules Athletic Fields Usage and Tournaments

- When renting the fields for a tournament, the City will mark/paint the field lines initially, however, it is the renter's responsibility to keep up with the maintenance throughout the day with their own equipment.
- No pitching mounds are allowed to be put on the field. (Unless approved by Department)
- When the City of Deer Park is running a league, fields are not available for rent.
- Renters will have access to the city's bases.
- If you are renting the Adult Softball Complex the bases will not be moved.
- All paid rentals include restrooms.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property. **You must park in the parking lot!** You will lose privileges and deposit. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed.

- No alcohol is allowed on the premises. If you are caught with alcohol, the Police Department will be contacted and you will forfeit future rental privileges plus potential fines.
- No glass containers.
- All renters are responsible for cleaning up their own belongings and trash or risk loss of deposit.
- No pets allowed on the fields. You may however, have them on a leash while in the complex.
- Tournaments—You may not prep the fields at any time. City staff only.
- You may not mark the fields unless approved by Parks Division before tournament play.
- Football practice is not allowed on the adult softball fields.
- You must be off the field by the end of your time period. For example, practices ending at 7:30 pm must be off the property that time so the next team can enter. If you are the last rental of the night, you will have a grace period of 15 minutes before the lights automatically shut off.
- Uniformed police or security officers may be required for rentals. Renter will be notified if security is needed after review of rental information by the Athletics Division and/or Police Department. The entire cost of the security is the responsibility of the renter and must be paid directly to the vendor.
- No propane heaters are allowed.
- Fields cannot be reserved for the following holidays, including New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Fields close down from November 15th through February 15th.
- Renter is responsible to see that all activities are properly controlled and supervised and agrees to comply with the City of Deer Park Noise Ordinance and all other applicable laws.
- Music must not be loud or offensive to the public.
- Golfing, archery, remote control vehicles including planes, and horseback riding are prohibited. Firearms are prohibited except as authorized by law.
- Campfires and open burning is not allowed in any City Park. Personal barbeque grills are allowed in the parking lot only.
- Water access is limited to the restroom sinks and water fountains.
- At no time shall a renter sub-lease or assign its rental to another individual, group, or organization.
- Renters will not collect admission Fees nor require the public to pay other charges to attend practice, games or tournaments at City facilities.

- Renters agree to pay in advance any fees associated with the request.

*****VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF DEPOSIT
AND FIELD PRIVILEGES*****

Deer Park Sports Field Rain Out Policy

Practices and games will be held, as long as conditions are safe for participants and do not violate our rules or park guidelines. As a standard, the City of Deer Park will do our best to alert the leagues and rentals via email or phone call with as much notice as possible on practice/game day should fields be unplayable. Please keep in mind that Park closures and practice/game cancellations are determined by the City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department which reserves the right to cancel practices/games at any time depending on the current weather and field conditions.

Please call [281-478-2099](tel:281-478-2099) for a recorded message that will provide information in reference to Rainouts and Cancellations during the week after 3:00pm. City of Deer Park staff will work with league officials, citizen field rentals, and tournament directors when making decisions on field conditions and the playability of fields at the various athletic sports complexes. League and tournament officials make the final call if their event will play or not based on 1) current weather conditions and 2) if the fields have not been previously closed by the City of Deer Park.

City of Deer Park Athletic Sports Complex - Determining Field Playability Standing water occurs because the ground is saturated. Removing standing water does not eliminate the saturation. It is the saturation, and not standing water, that causes damage and unsafe conditions. Determining the playability of an athletic field is crucial to the continued health of the turf and the sustainability of the field throughout the season. More importantly, determining the playability is vital to the safety and best interests of the participants and patrons to the City of Deer Park athletic sports complexes. The Department will close its athletic fields if City of Deer Park staff determines that fields are too wet for play, or if other issues arise that would compromise patron safety. League officials have the responsibility to close fields for play when safety and/or field damage is possible.

An athletic field should be considered closed for play if any part of the field becomes unsafe for field users or if conditions exist where use will cause damage to the field.

An athletic field should be considered closed if any of the following conditions exist:

There is standing water present on any part of the field that cannot be removed without causing damage to the field.

There are muddy conditions present that will not dry by the start of the game.

While walking on the field water can be seen or heard with any footstep.

If water gathers around the sole of a shoe or boot on any portion of the field.

While walking in turf areas any impression of your footprint is left in the surface.

While walking on the infield portion of the field, an impression of ½” deep or more is left by a footprint.

Additional reasons for cancelling games:

It has rained most of the day of the scheduled game and there is standing water on the field.

It has rained for several days prior to the scheduled game and the fields are wet to the point where playing the game will destroy the playing surface.

It is raining at the time of the scheduled game and the temperature is low enough to make conditions unbearable for the children.

The presence of lightning - 3 strikes and you're out. The first lightning strike will cause a 30 minute delay, with subsequent strikes re-setting the 30 minute delay. Three strikes within 30 minutes will result in cancellation.

The potential for severe weather is significant enough that it warrants cancellation for the safety of participants and patrons.

Waiver of Liability:

I understand that the registered activities and services may have an element of hazard or inherent danger and I take full responsibility for my actions and physical condition. I agree to indemnify and hold the City of Deer Park and it's employees harmless from liability, loss cost or expense (including attorney's fees, medical and ambulance costs) that may occur while participating in the City of Deer Park's Parks and Recreation activities.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date

I have read and understand all of the above mentioned rules. I understand that I must follow all of the rules to have the privilege of using a City facility or lose entire deposit.

Staff Signature

Print

_____ Date

Thank you for helping us keep Deer Park's fields in shape.

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