

Summary of Data from the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy Survey

Overview

The survey collected feedback from various athletic leagues and organizations in Montgomery County regarding the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy. Respondents provided insights into their experiences, challenges, and suggestions for improvement. The survey covered topics such as league demographics, field allocation, permitting seasons, application schedules, field use guidelines, and more.

Key Findings

Policy Statement

- Concerns about favoritism towards historical users, which often results in larger organizations monopolizing field access and limiting opportunities for smaller clubs and independent teams.
- Suggestions to open fields earlier in the spring (March 1 instead of March 15) to align with league schedules.
- Requests for clarification on the use of local parks during the off-season, proposing that league play/practice be explicitly prohibited while allowing casual use by residents.
- Misuse of permits and lack of enforcement of rules were highlighted, with requests for visible signage at fields to prevent misuse.

Criteria

- Concerns about prioritization of field allocation based on historical use, which creates monopolies for larger organizations and limits access for smaller or newer organizations.
- Suggestions to revise criteria to ensure fairer access, including checking rosters against permits allocated, prioritizing youth leagues over adult leagues during peak hours, and ensuring special event groups do not take precedence over long-term users.

Permitting Seasons

- Requests to adjust start and end dates for permitting seasons, such as opening local parks earlier in March (e.g., March 1) to accommodate spring practices.
- Suggestions to align permitting seasons for local and regional parks to reduce confusion.

Permit Application Schedule

- Respondents found the current schedule confusing and suggested simplifying the process.
- Recommendations included earlier application dates for spring and summer seasons to allow for better planning and synchronizing Local/Neighborhood Parks (LP/NP) and Regional/Recreational Parks (RP) dates.

Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time

- Suggestions to allow organizations to swap permits with other high-use groups before releasing fields.
- Emphasis on ensuring organizations do not lose historical use status for returning unused fields.

Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations

- Requests for clearer guidelines, including permit windows, minimum/maximum hours allowed, and restrictions on partnerships for turf fields.

Holiday Use Regulations

- Requests to open regional parks for use on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, as these are popular times for tournaments.

Off-Season Use Regulations

- Suggestions to open local parks earlier in March (e.g., March 1) and extend the fall season to mid-December for grass fields.

Field Renovation Guidelines

- Requests to close fields earlier (e.g., July 31) to allow for longer renovation periods while minimizing disruption to the playing season.

General Guidelines for Field Use

- Emphasis on stricter enforcement of rules, particularly regarding damage to fences caused by batting practice.
- Suggestions to impose fines and require team managers to educate players about the consequences of damaging field infrastructure.

Permit Denial and Revocation

- Requests for stricter enforcement of rules, including penalties for smoking and misuse of fields.

- Suggestions to impose fines for teams that damage fences.

Application Procedures

- Requests to improve the process for booking fields to make it more user-friendly.
- Suggestions to audit rosters and registration numbers to ensure fair allocation of permits.

Fee Schedule

- Small organizations expressed difficulty in paying fees upfront and requested more flexibility in payment schedules.

Cancellations and Refunds

- Suggestions to streamline the refund process for inclement weather cancellations, with automated tracking and processing of refunds to reduce the burden on organizations.

Top Priorities for Review

1. **Cancellations and Refunds:** Streamline the refund process for inclement weather cancellations.
2. **Criteria:** Address concerns about monopolies and prioritization of field allocation to ensure fairer access for smaller clubs and independent teams.
3. **Permitting Seasons:** Adjust start and end dates for better alignment and earlier access.
4. **Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations:** Clarify guidelines and restrictions.

Additional Feedback

- Respondents emphasized the need for better enforcement of rules, including smoking bans and field misuse.
- Suggestions were made to improve transparency in field allocation and permitting processes.
- Smaller clubs and independent teams requested more opportunities to access fields and permits.
- Respondents expressed appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback and looked forward to improvements in the policy.

Conclusion

The survey highlights the need for more equitable field allocation, better enforcement of rules, and increased flexibility in the permitting process. Addressing these concerns can

help ensure fair access to athletic fields for all organizations and improve the overall experience for field users in Montgomery County.



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Montgomery County Little League

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Baseball

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General Guidelines for Field Use

All applicants must be 21 years and older. All field users are expected to adhere to the following guidelines to help keep fields in an acceptable condition for public use. Violation of these guidelines may result in fines or the loss of future permitting or use privileges:

All unlit fields must be vacated by dark. The permit must be on site in the possession of the permitted group or individual during the scheduled time. (A game schedule or a photocopy of the permit will serve as a permit for the Department of Recreation or leagues once verified by Park staff or Park Police.) The permit is for the sole use of the organization named on the permit contract and is not transferable. Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited. Permit holders are required to see that players and spectators adhere to all park regulations, including:

- No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
- No urinating or changing clothes in public
- No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
- No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal. All recyclables must be picked up and placed in the nearest recycling receptacle or carried away for proper disposal
- Removal or repositioning of goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields is not allowed
- The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the benches, playing areas, and those areas in proximity to the playing field (this includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff);
- No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
- Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
- No Parking nor driving on the field
- All Pets must be leashed at all times
- No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
- Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.

Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:

- It is closed for renovation or repair;
- Water is standing on the field;
- Soil is frozen;
- The soil is wet and "spongy";
- Steady rain is falling;
- A lightning/electrical storm is occurring;

The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.

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What league are you associated with?

Damascus Sports Association- 7 different t sports leagues.

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What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,

Football,

Lacrosse,

Softball,

Other (please specify):

Wrestling, cheerleading , lacrosse, poms

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

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I don't understand why permits would not be issues on Holiday's...

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Need specifics for the "league application procedures".

Where are those procedures listed?

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Individual/Team Practice Requests section. There have been issues with this in the past, permits revoked when individuals try and schedule a field reservation. If an individual is a resident of Montgomery County, there should be no restriction for a field reservation even if that individual is part of a larger organization.

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I have received a refund in the past and it was a fast and efficient procedure. This is much appreciated by County residents.

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Holiday Use Regulations,

Permit Denial and Revocation,

Application Procedures

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

It is disappointing when fields cannot be reserved yet are not being used by the league or person who has the permit. Sometimes games are scheduled on practice days and a field is open but I feel that a lot of times the leagues just don't "return" the permit back to MoCo for use.

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What league are you associated with?

MCPL - Montgomery County Cricket Premier League

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

Above 1000

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

EDP

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**100-250**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4**Yes**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5**Youth**

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Access to more availability of fields

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Beginning July Regional/Recreational Parks: Season Application

Date Spring/Summer Beginning

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Soccer

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Permitting Seasons,**Permit Application Schedule,****Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Unaffiliated Local Team

Q2

Baseball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Q6

Male

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Q7

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed:
regional/recreational fields should be available for practices
- can still be by "permit only"

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Q8

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Q9

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Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15 Fall: August 16 – November 30 Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15 Fall: September 1 – November 30

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::
march 15/april 1 blanket opening is too late for spring sports. can still close them as weather and conditions dictate.

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Q10

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No

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Q11

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::
march 15 too late for spring season; should be earlier

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Q12

No

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Q13

No

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed: should be open earlier for the spring season

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- Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited.
- Permit holders are required to see that players and spectators adhere to all park regulations, including:
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Permitting Seasons,**Permit Application Schedule,****Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

had a difficult time getting baseball field time last spring. saw a lot of open diamonds (regional and/or big leagues not using their reservations) that would have been great to use if they were available for permit

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Cricket

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

No, please specify your location::
DMV

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

**Permit Application Schedule,
Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations,
Cancellations and Refunds**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

Na

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

i9 Sports - NW Montgomery County

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Football,
Soccer

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

0-100

Q4

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**Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time,
Field Use for Non-Designated Sports,
Cancellations and Refunds**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

I believe that customers should have the ability to reserve a field for several weeks at a time instead of one week at a time. For example. If I want to reserve a field for 5 Saturdays 1pm - 3pm, I shouldn't have to create 5 separate permits in Active Montgomery. Also, if a field has not been permitted, customers should have the ability to reserve at any time, instead of having to do so atleast 7 days in advance

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What league are you associated with?

None

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Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

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What league are you associated with?

MCLL

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball

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Review

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Permit Application Schedule,

Permit Denial and Revocation,

Application Procedures

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

We need more baseball fields to replace the Wheaton Forest fields you are closing for renovations

#23

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Kidball Sports

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Football**Q3**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Above 1000

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

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Youth

Q6

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Co-ed

Q7**No**

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**Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time,
Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations,
Permit Denial and Revocation**

Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Top Rank Soccer Academy

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

There shouldn't be a fee collected to request a refund if money is due back to us for a field closure or school closure due to snow, etc

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Permitting Seasons,**Permit Application Schedule,****Application Procedures**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Sandy Spring Soccer Foundation

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

250-500

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Youth

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Q6

Co-ed

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Q7

No

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed: Many organizations purchase permits and do not use them. They do this to prevent other organizations from using the fields.

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Q9

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Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15 Fall: August 16 – November 30 Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15 Fall: September 1 – November 30

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::
Recreational and Regional should open up March 15th and August 15th. Soccer teams have pre-season and have to begin preparing.

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Yes,

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Soccer teams need field space for pre-season. Starting April 1st and September 1st doesn't allow us enough time.

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Q11

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

We run soccer tournaments and we need the holiday date to complete them otherwise we will find ourselves playing games on Friday if a holiday falls on a Monday. Even if we have to pay a little more for the holiday to pass that time and half onto the custodian and any staff working that day, then that is fine.

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Q14

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Because the weather is still ok in December I think this should be moved back to December 15th.

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Q15

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Q16

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

That is too long to renovate a field. Not allowing us to be on a turf field for a year which we already don't have enough of is crazy.

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Q17**No**

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The \$25 per change fee isn't fair and there should be some leniency. For example when the schools were canceled on January 20th, we had to make up games. So I had to add times onto days that I already had reserved. I was charged \$25 for each change. Well, if the schools weren't closed then we wouldn't have had to make up games or add time. We are a small non-profit and can't afford to lose \$.

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Q22

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Policy Statement,

Permitting Seasons,

Off-Season Use Regulations

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

I enjoy the simplicity of doing business with the organization and the speed of response. The previous system had us approach Mary King (another great person and hope that she is doing well in retirement), for permits by email or in person which took longer, a lot for one person, so I am happy that everything is now done online to streamline the process.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Federal Baseball League

Q2**Baseball**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**100-250**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4**Yes**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCLL

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

250-500

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth

Q6

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Female,
Male

Q7

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

The policy is missing a statement regarding historical use policies and that such policies should not have a de facto discriminatory impact on any group of potential users.

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The historical use policy (which is hinted at there, but not explicit) should be reviewed prior to each season to ensure that it is not locking in a discriminatory preference for one group over another (such as boys over girls).

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Q9**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Some groups with historical use chronically underuse their fields and there is no enforcement to stop this. This needs to change. But of course, the underlying problem is that some groups have more historical use permits than they need and they are allowed to keep them indefinitely.

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Q15

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Yes,

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Parks needs to do a better job of managing multi-use situations to foster more efficient use of fields. For example, Norwood park has been designated to have relatively few fields, but there are room for many more. Also, there are many instances in which fields could be shared in some situations. A great example are the many baseball/softball fields in which there is an expansive outfield. Currently Parks picks one sport (soccer/football in the outfield) or the other (baseball/softball) and prohibits the other. BUT lower levels of softball/baseball could share safely in many situations where the outfield is huge (no fence) because kids under a certain age don't hit to the outfield. So we could better accommodate everybody, if parks would identify these situations and create some "10 and under" softball/baseball slots that can safely practice with another sport in the deep outfield.

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Q16

Please indicate whether you think the Field Renovation Guidelines sections of the policy should be reviewed. Field Renovation Guidelines Fields designated for the annual turf renovation program will be closed for one year, from September 1 to August 31. All play is prohibited on these fields during this time.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

It should be more flexible. If the smart people who know the business think a renovation can happen more quickly or would work better on a different schedule, they should have the flexibility to do that. For example, maybe a field can be renovated from Nov 15 to Sept 1 and that way you would only miss one spring season instead of 1 spring + 1 fall.

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Q17**No**

Please indicate whether you think the General Guidelines for Field Use section of the policy should be reviewed.

General Guidelines for Field Use

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- Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited.
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 - No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
 - No urinating or changing clothes in public
 - No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
 - No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal.
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 - The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the benches, playing areas, and those areas in proximity to the playing field (this includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff);
 - No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
 - Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
 - No Parking nor driving on the field
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 - No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
 - Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.
- Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:
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Q18**No**

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed: Historical use policy needs to be updated.

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Policy Statement,**Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time,****Field Use for Non-Designated Sports**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

There is no section that clearly lays out the historical use policy. It is essential that that policy be transparent and be applied in a non-discriminatory mannner.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

None

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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League only field should be open for public

Page 2**Q8**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

BCC Baseball (Bethesda Chevy Chase baseball inc.)

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball**Q3**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Above 1000**Q4**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes**Q5**

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth**Q6**

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Female,
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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Offering regional parks for practices would allow for more practice time for more teams. And you can practice later into the night with the lit fields. Overall, I don't think changes need to be made here right now, but the above could help alleviate some issues.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

BCC Baseball

Q2

Baseball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

Above 1000

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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None

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What league are you associated with?

Spanish

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

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Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Permitting Seasons	Local Park Fields	Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15	Fall: August 16 – November 30	Regional / Recreational Park Fields	Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15	Fall: September 1 – November 30

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League Organization

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Ponce de Leon

Q2

Baseball

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Q3

500-750

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Policy Statement,**Permitting Seasons,****Permit Application Schedule****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Major League Baseball Nike RBI Program Affiliate for Montgomery County (MoCo Nike RBI)

Q2

Baseball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

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Yes

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Youth

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Co-ed

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

"Regional and recreational fields may be permitted for official league games only; no practices are allowed on these fields."

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Please indicate whether you think the Criteria section of the policy should be reviewed: Criteria Field allocation for leagues will be based on prior use. However, leagues representatives must apply for permits by the designated deadline of each season. When processing permit applications, every effort is made to provide each qualifying organization with a permit for at least some of the field time requested. Allocation of athletic fields is determined by the following priority system: First Priority: Montgomery County Department of Recreation Programs, City of Takoma Park Recreation Programs, Adopt-a-Field groups, public/private partnerships or other contractual agreements, and special event/tournament requests. Second Priority: Montgomery or Prince George's County community-based leagues and schools, including organized youth leagues. First and second priority user groups must submit their requests by the respective deadline for each season or their first priority status will be forfeited for that season.

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"Field allocation for leagues will be based on prior use." This standard is unfair because it has created a pseudo-monopoly in which organizations such as BCC Baseball (which has a well established, long-standing historical relationship with MNCPPC due to the monetary contributions that BCC has made toward maintaining County fields) are automatically granted PRIORITY access to the vast majority of baseball/softball fields throughout Montgomery County. These relationships have made it virtually impossible for smaller organizations to access, rent, utilize, secure, etc. the highest-quality fields within Montgomery County for even a few hours. The idea that community-based leagues such as ours are being given second priority appears to be a complete farce at best, and laughable at worst.

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Q9

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons
Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15 Fall: August 16 – November 30 Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15 Fall: September 1 – November 30

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

ALL permitting seasons should be completely reviewed.

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Q10

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Application Schedule section of the policy should be reviewed. Permit Application Schedule All permit applications must be submitted to the County's Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) office. Local/Neighborhood Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer Beginning February 1 Fall/Winter Beginning July Regional/Recreational Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer Beginning December 16 Fall/Winter Beginning May 16 Synthetic turf fields can be permitted at any time throughout the year, weather permitting, if not closed for maintenance or renovation. If the first day of seasonal permitted use (March 15 for Local Park Fields, and April 1 for Regional / Recreational Park Fields) falls on a Sunday, permitted use will be allowed on the preceding Saturday. If the last day of permitted use falls on a Saturday, permitted use will be allowed on the following Sunday.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

All sections.

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Q11

Please indicate whether you think the Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time of the policy should be reviewed. Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time To ensure as many groups as possible have access to field time, groups should release any unneeded field time as soon as their schedules are set. Users will not be charged for this field time if it is returned to CUPF by March 15 for the spring / summer season and by August 16 for the fall season. All returns must be submitted in writing. If an organization returns field time from its historic allocation list, those fields will be removed from the organization's historic use and made available for other groups.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Again, it is laughable that an organization such as BCC Baseball would adhere to this policy knowing that "if an organization returns field time from its historic allocation list, those fields will be removed from the organization's historic use and made available for other groups." Furthermore, who would provide the oversight to ensure compliance? Would this oversight be provided by M-NCPPC or an independent auditor?

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Q12

Please indicate whether you think the Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations of the policy should be reviewed. Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations Artificial turf fields are available for permitted use year-round, except when closed for maintenance, renovation, or extreme weather conditions. Applications for seasonal use of artificial turf fields must follow the permit application schedule outlined above. Off-season requests can be submitted at any time. Games and practices are allowed on artificial turf fields. For artificial turf fields constructed in coordination with the Board of Education or other partners, the community use hours dictated by that specific agreement will be permitted; available community use hours may vary from field to field.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

ALL sections need to be reviewed.

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Q13

Please indicate whether you think the Holiday Use Regulations section of the policy should be reviewed. Holiday Use Regulations Local Parks: This includes athletic fields in local, neighborhood and stream valley parks. These fields may be reserved by permit or used on a first-come, first-served basis, unless otherwise posted. Permit holders have priority. Regional/Recreational Parks: Permits will not be issued for some regional or recreational fields on Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or on other established M-NCPPC holidays.

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ALL sections need to be reviewed.

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Q14

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Yes,

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Q15

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Yes,

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Q16

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No

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Q17**No**

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General Guidelines for Field Use

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- All unlit fields must be vacated by dark. The permit must be on site in the possession of the permitted group or individual during the scheduled time. (A game schedule or a photocopy of the permit will serve as a permit for the Department of Recreation or leagues once verified by Park staff or Park Police.)
- The permit is for the sole use of the organization named on the permit contract and is not transferable.
- Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited.
- Permit holders are required to see that players and spectators adhere to all park regulations, including:
 - No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
 - No urinating or changing clothes in public
 - No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
 - No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal.
 - All recyclables must be picked up and placed in the nearest recycling receptacle or carried away for proper disposal
 - Removal or repositioning of goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields is not allowed
 - The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the benches, playing areas, and those areas in proximity to the playing field (this includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff);
 - No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
 - Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
 - No Parking nor driving on the field
 - All Pets must be leashed at all times
 - No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
 - Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.
- Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:
 - It is closed for renovation or repair;
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 - Soil is frozen;
 - The soil is wet and "spongy";
 - Steady rain is falling;
 - A lightning/electrical storm is occurring;
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- Use of a synthetic grass athletic field is prohibited when:
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Closed due to weather conditions. Field users may contact the Montgomery Parks inclement weather line at 301-765-8787 to determine whether a field is open for play.

Q18**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Denial and Revocation section of the policy should be reviewed. Permit Denial and Revocation Any users found to be in violation of the guidelines outlined in this policy will be subject to all applicable fines and penalties, including loss of future permitting and use privileges. A permit may be denied or revoked if the permit holder or any member of the permitted user group: Violates the guidelines stated in this policy; Does not comply with M-NCPPC Rules & Regulations and stated Conditions of Use; Fails to use permitted field; Removes posted signs or markers, or removes or repositions goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields; Uses a field that is closed due to weather or undergoing renovations or repairs; Does not comply with league application procedures. The Department of Parks reserves the right to revoke or deny a permit as necessary if a field needs to be closed for immediate repair. In all such cases, permit holders will be given as much notice as is possible.

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Q21

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Policy Statement,

Criteria,

Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

DCMSBL

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,

Other (please specify):

Adult Baseball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

750-1000

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

No, please specify your location::

We are a DC Metro based adult amateur baseball league which consists of Montgomery and Prince Georges County residents

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Adult

Q6

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Female,

Male

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

It is okay for an organization to return field time from its historic allocation list, however, those fields should NOT be removed from the organization's historic use and should NOT be made available for other groups. This policy is too subjective and the organization which has historical use should NOT be being punished for returning a field provided they return the field in the time required. But taking a field away from the organization's historical use because it was not used, is too arbitrary.

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Permitting Seasons,**Fee Schedule,****Cancellations and Refunds****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

EDP

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**100-250**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

No, please specify your location::
Montgomery, Howard, PG**Q5****Youth**

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Q6**Female**

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Q7

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed:

I think that a certain number of fields should be left open for those who are not part of a organization as they usually take most of the fields

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Q9

No

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Permit Application Schedule

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Play Ball Academy

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

100-250

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

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Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Rockville Olney Soccer Academy

Q2**Soccer**

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 - No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
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 - No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
 - Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
 - No Parking nor driving on the field
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 - No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
 - Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.
- Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:
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 - The soil is wet and "spongy";
 - Steady rain is falling;
 - A lightning/electrical storm is occurring;
- The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.
- Use of a synthetic grass athletic field is prohibited when:
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Closed due to weather conditions. Field users may contact the Montgomery Parks inclement weather line at 301-765-8787 to determine whether a field is open for play.

Q18**No**

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

This is where things get confusing having the 2 organizations doing permitting. Does this apply to only their field process or does it include the gym process . . . I never get a packet from them and have to redo permitting for gym space every season. I like the new website is a bit more inclusive but still would like to see all school fields listed including the high schools that allow rentals.

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Q20**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Fee Schedule sections of the policy should be reviewed. Fee Schedule CUPF will issue permits only after all fees have been paid in full. Athletic Field fees follow the M-NCPPC User Fee Schedule, as approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. A copy of the current approved fee schedule can be viewed at www.ParkPermits.org and at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf. A separate utility fee will be charged for use of lighted fields. A charge will be assessed for returned checks. These fees are subject to change without notice.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

This should be automated when the field is canceled since the staff has all the records rather than putting the burden on the renting organizations.

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Criteria,**Permit Application Schedule,****Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

I would say the monopoly of field use by the large organizations is a big problem. While the historical use is crucial for my small organization, I wish the big organizations had to do some rotation of fields have holding permits for a certain number of years especially when they already own fields. The other big issue is to try to have one rental process for all park/school fields that allow newer groups to have a chance at getting some premier spaces.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCSSA

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Softball,

Other (please specify):

Basketball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

250-500

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Adult

Q6

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Co-ed

Q7

No

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Q8

Please indicate whether you think the Criteria section of the policy should be reviewed: Criteria Field allocation for leagues will be based on prior use. However, leagues representatives must apply for permits by the designated deadline of each season. When processing permit applications, every effort is made to provide each qualifying organization with a permit for at least some of the field time requested. Allocation of athletic fields is determined by the following priority system: First Priority: Montgomery County Department of Recreation Programs, City of Takoma Park Recreation Programs, Adopt-a-Field groups, public/private partnerships or other contractual agreements, and special event/tournament requests. Second Priority: Montgomery or Prince George's County community-based leagues and schools, including organized youth leagues. First and second priority user groups must submit their requests by the respective deadline for each season or their first priority status will be forfeited for that season.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed:
Deadlines are set too early for adequate league planning.

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Q9

No

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons
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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed: Release dates should be 1 week later to allow adequate league planning

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Q12**No**

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::
Regional Parks should not be closed on cultural holidays (e.g. Juneteenth, Cinco de Mayo)

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Q14**No**

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Fields should only be closed for the duration of the renovation

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Permitting Seasons,

Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time,

Holiday Use Regulations

Q23

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Your permitting team is doing a great job!

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Koa Sports

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Field Hockey,
Football

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Above 1000

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth

Q6

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Female,
Male

Q7

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Hello and thanks for asking for feedback, it's a step in the right direction! A few things that I would like to see be revisited in the policy statement: -practices on regional parks. If a field isn't permitted by a game by X date (around 2/25 in the spring and 7/25 in the fall) you may use the field for practice. -also, the local park policy is a bit unclear from 12/1-3/14. I understood there is NO league play during this time, but county residents can show up and kick the soccer ball, play catch, etc...may I suggest these edits: League Play/Practice is strictly prohibited on local parks from December 1 through March 14. All natural grass fields are CLOSED during field work, renovations and inclement weather, or when posted signs prohibit use.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Yes, this entire section requires the biggest overhaul. Comments/Questions? -Why does MCRD & City of Takoma Park Rec have priority? -Haven't Adopt-a-Fields been lifted from Parks? -There needs to be rosters checked vs amount of permits given -There's no mention of youth vs. adult preference -On LIT fields youth should have the priority from 5-8 pm and adults from 8-11 pm There are so many more suggestions, I'll keep it brief.

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Q9

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons
Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15 Fall: August 16 – November 30 Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15 Fall: September 1 – November 30

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Here are my suggested updated dates: Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15- GOOD Fall: August 16 – December 15th- extend a couple of weeks in Dec for grass ONLY, not diamond use Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 22nd – August 15 (I believe regionals can be ready 1 week after local parks) Fall: September 1 – November 30- GOOD

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Here are my suggested dates: Local/Neighborhood Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer December 16 February 1 Fall/Winter Beginning June Regional/Recreational Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer Beginning November 16 Fall/Winter Beginning May 16

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

I would suggest groups with "lots of historical use" may have the opportunity to swap permits with other high historical use during a short period before giving back fields. User groups needs change over 5-10 year spans and it would be great for these to be met without losing historical use. For example: -If one user group has 6 permits on Monday, and now needs 10 Monday permits. They could "swap" a Wednesday permit for a Monday permit with another group.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

This entire policy is vague. Some points to consider: -a permit window -minimum and maximum hours allowed during the week and weekends -I don't believe "other partners" or partnerships are allowed for turf fields anymore, if this is correct that sentence should be updated.

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Q13

Please indicate whether you think the Holiday Use Regulations section of the policy should be reviewed. Holiday Use Regulations Local Parks: This includes athletic fields in local, neighborhood and stream valley parks. These fields may be reserved by permit or used on a first-come, first-served basis, unless otherwise posted. Permit holders have priority. Regional/Recreational Parks: Permits will not be issued for some regional or recreational fields on Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or on other established M-NCPPC holidays.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

If possible, I'd like to see Memorial Day Monday and Labor Day Monday the regional fields open.

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No,

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As stated earlier I believe local parks should remain open through 12/15 and regionals can open on March 22nd.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

I believe fields should be permitted to 1 user group and they may chose to use the diamonds or rectangles.

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Q16

Please indicate whether you think the Field Renovation Guidelines sections of the policy should be reviewed. Field Renovation Guidelines Fields designated for the annual turf renovation program will be closed for one year, from September 1 to August 31. All play is prohibited on these fields during this time.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Fields typically aren't used much in August. Close the field down 7/31 and give the field 13 months off instead of 12.

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Q17**No**

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

There needs to be an audit of the previous year's rosters and registration numbers to determine if organizations deserve more/less permits.

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Yes,

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If the county automatically refunds user groups for gyms, they should do it the same way for fields. Especially if Parks is keeping track. It's as silly as the IRS knowing how much you owe in taxes, but makes you figure it out on your own with the expense of a bookkeepers and accountants.

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Criteria,

**Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations,
Cancellations and Refunds**

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

This survey is extremely comprehensive and I'm looking forward to the next steps.

Tony Korson
Koa Sports

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Brit-Am Soccer Academy

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

Above 1000

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Youth

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Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23

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Push the permit acquisition start time on February 15 to later in the morning.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MoCo Tuesday Night over 50 league

Q2

Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

100-250

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

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Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Male

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This is one big item missing in the Guidelines for field use. Baseball and softball teams must be prohibited from practicing before the game by flipping balls to the batter and have them smash the balls into the backstop or fences surrounding the fields. Many people do not realize that this causes the fence to curl causing space between the bottom of the fence and the ground such that balls in play roll underneath. They penalty for smashing the balls into the fence needs to be significant as the repairs to the fence are very costly.

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Yes,

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In regard to teams using the fences for batting practice, many of these teams are NOT the permit holders; that is, their league holds the permit so their is NO penalty to the individual team for damaging the fences around the field. There needs to be a designated stiff fine for anyone using the park fences to smash balls into the fence. It would also be good to require team managers to pass this information to their coaches and players so everyone will realize batting into the fence damages the fences and will result in fines up to \$500 or so.

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Yes,

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The last couple of times I tried to book a field for preseason practices for our league team, there was great difficulty. Hopefully there is a way to make this easier. I understand that feb 15th is the opening of the field booking process so hopefully things will be easier this year. Since Mary King is gone, it would be great to have another option to call or e-mail for help.

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Q22**General Guidelines for Field Use**

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

More effort is needed to keep teams from damaging the fences surrounding the fields by hitting batting practice into the fences. This only causes the fences to curl at the bottom allowing the sharp edges of the fences to stick out and the balls to roll underneath.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

BAA

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball**Q3**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

100-250

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth

Q6

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Female,
Male,
Co-ed

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Q9

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons

Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15	Fall: August 16 – November 30
Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15	Fall: September 1 – November 30

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

The spring season starts too late, teams should be able to start practices March 1.

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Q10**No**

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Q12

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Again, the local parks should be available for use by March 1.

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Q15**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Off Field Use for Non-Designated Sports section of the policy should be reviewed. Off Field Use for Non-Designated Sports Field use priority will be given first to games and practices for the sport which each field is designed (e.g., baseball/softball on diamond fields, soccer/football/lacrosse on rectangular fields). Once all games and practices for the designated sport have been assigned, use of any available fields for non-designated sports will be considered. Any fields not being used for their designated sport can be permitted for a non-designated sport with the written approval of the park manager. Fields can be used for both designated and non-designated sports during the same season only with the written approval of the park manager if there are no concerns about overuse or safety due to obstacles created by goals or other equipment. Fields used for both designated and non-designated sports will be lined and prepared only for the designated sport. Fields used for non-designated sports will not qualify for historic use allocation in future scheduling.

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- The permit is for the sole use of the organization named on the permit contract and is not transferable.
- Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited.
- Permit holders are required to see that players and spectators adhere to all park regulations, including:
 - No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
 - No urinating or changing clothes in public
 - No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
 - No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal.
 - All recyclables must be picked up and placed in the nearest recycling receptacle or carried away for proper disposal
 - Removal or repositioning of goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields is not allowed
 - The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the benches, playing areas, and those areas in proximity to the playing field (this includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff);
 - No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
 - Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
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 - All Pets must be leashed at all times
 - No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
 - Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.
- Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:
 - It is closed for renovation or repair;
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 - Soil is frozen;
 - The soil is wet and "spongy";
 - Steady rain is falling;
 - A lightning/electrical storm is occurring;
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- Use of a synthetic grass athletic field is prohibited when:
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 - The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.

Closed due to weather conditions. Field users may contact the Montgomery Parks inclement weather line at 301-765-8787 to determine whether a field is open for play.

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Q22**Permitting Seasons**

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

GERMANTOWN KIDS CRICKET CLUB

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Youth

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Female,
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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Please put signs of these rules at cricket fields as people misuse the permits and take undue advantage by not sharing the nets at soccer plex cricket field

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Please enforce rules. People smoke and nothing is done.

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Yes,

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Weather related refunds should be automatically done.

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Policy Statement,

Permit Denial and Revocation,

Cancellations and Refunds

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

Enforce rules, and grow by advertising in schools

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

BCC Baseball

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Softball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Above 1000

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth

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Female,
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Q9

No

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What league are you associated with?

MCBA

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Baseball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

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Above 1000

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community based/pickup

Q2

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Cricket,

Soccer

Q3

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100-250

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

International Women's Softball League MD

Q2

Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

250-500

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

No, please specify your location::

We have players from the DMV, but must do live in MG County

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Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Yes,

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In addition to the first and second priorities, the county should also consider the economic impact large contracts have on the county and state. For example, our league paid over \$16,000.00 on field permits in the 2023 season. It was complicated to schedule our games as our season calendar goes beyond September due to the number of weekends needed. We appreciate the support but would love it if the county could prioritize our contracts as First Priority.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

In addition to the last paragraph, it should also be stated that if a permitted field has to close for emergency repairs, the county will support the permit holders in finding a different field to honor the contract.

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Criteria,**Application Procedures,****Cancellations and Refunds****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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NVTBL

Q2

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Q3

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I don't believe this needs to be altered, I believe it needs to be upheld "Fails to use permitted field"

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Permit Denial and Revocation**Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Montgomery County Recreation Adult Soccer

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**Above 1000**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4**Yes**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Male**

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Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Clarksburg Cricket Inc

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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Yes

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This has been happening for a while that certain leagues are just getting the fields all the time. There are so many youth leagues who are taking small kids from Clarksburg Germantown area to play in Bowie or University Park because fields like Apple Ridge are always taken over by adult leagues people. This is not fair and I have spoken to one of the CUPF agent about this issue. Nobody should get priority just because they used the facility in the prior year. Please make it fair and I am willing to help or speak when needed.

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Criteria,**Permitting Seasons,****Permit Application Schedule****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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What league are you associated with?

Bethesda Roosters Youth Rugby

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify):

Rugby

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

100-250

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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What league are you associated with?

Soccer

Q2

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What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

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Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Miracle league of montgomery county

Q2

Baseball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

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Our league has used the miracle league field since 2011, adding an early deadline months in advance is going to cause a issue for us, Our board doesn't meet to plan for the spring until mid January or early February and late august for fall use, This year I was asked to submit a request for permit of use late in 2023 while I was trying to get enough support from our board to open up for a additional day of use without having a single participant registered for the season of either day. I made the resv for both days and season hoping that we would not loose out on a rental from our partners MCLL

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Permitting Seasons,**Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations,****Holiday Use Regulations****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MVSA football/ Capital Beltway League

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Football,

Other (please specify):

Fball clinics , 7v7 practice

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

100-250**Q4**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes**Q5**

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Practice

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Q8

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- No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCL

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

100-250

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Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

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Fall/Winter	Beginning July
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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Maryland Cricket League

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

250-500

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

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Application Procedures

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Individual / Team Practice Requests: Individuals and team representatives may submit practice field requests directly to CUPF. However, as league game and practice permit requests will be processed prior to individual / team requests (as indicated above), team representatives should inquire with their organization regarding its allotted field time prior to submitting any additional applications to CUPF.

New Organizations and individual / team representatives may apply for game or practice permits:

1. Online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf
2. By faxing or mailing an application
3. In Person at CUPF

Please call for Office hours and address 240-777-2725

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Q21**Yes**

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Q22**Permitting Seasons**

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCL

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

500-750

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Permitting Seasons	Local Park Fields
Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15	Fall: August 16 – November 30
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Permit Application Schedule	All permit applications must be submitted to the County's Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) office.
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Q22**Policy Statement,**

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Criteria**Q23**

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

We should be able to utilize the field during weekdays and should be used for practices. Also, the field should be first come first served basis when they are not reserved

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Maryland Cricket League (MCL)

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

500-750

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

The policy above states if there are no permits provided the field may be used on first come first served bases. The manager has removed us from the field even where there are no permitted players or clubs on the ground. Which means we are allowed to use the field since we fall under first come first served. If this is not true then the office needs to revise this policy and provide permits for public. After all this is a public park. If this requires a permit then they should allow permits to be obtained on a weekday and non game days. This is after all a public park so public should be allowed to use the field on first come first served basis as stated above in the policy.

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Q8

Please indicate whether you think the Criteria section of the policy should be reviewed: Criteria Field allocation for leagues will be based on prior use. However, leagues representatives must apply for permits by the designated deadline of each season. When processing permit applications, every effort is made to provide each qualifying organization with a permit for at least some of the field time requested. Allocation of athletic fields is determined by the following priority system: First Priority: Montgomery County Department of Recreation Programs, City of Takoma Park Recreation Programs, Adopt-a-Field groups, public/private partnerships or other contractual agreements, and special event/tournament requests. Second Priority: Montgomery or Prince George's County community-based leagues and schools, including organized youth leagues. First and second priority user groups must submit their requests by the respective deadline for each season or their first priority status will be forfeited for that season.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Again. This is a public park then if the field or park is not occupied by permitted clubs or players. Then the first come first served basis applies to all non permitted clubs and players. If this is not true then this is not a Montgomery county public park. Please provide and confirm if this is a private park and not a tax payer public park.

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Q9

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed.

Seasons	Local Park
Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15	Fall:
August 16 – November 30	Regional / Recreational Park
Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15	Fall:
September 1 – November 30	

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

This is a public recreational park but players and clubs are not allowed to use the facilities without permits during those times and the county is not allowing permits to be obtained. This seems like a way for the county to prevent the use of a recreational public park for tax payers. This policy needs to be reviewed or the management needs to provide proof of how the parks are registered whether public or private.

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Q10

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Application Schedule section of the policy should be reviewed.

Permit Application Schedule All permit applications must be submitted to the County's Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) office.

Local/Neighborhood	Application
Parks:Season	
DateSpring/Summer	Beginning
February 1Fall/Winter	
Beginning July	Regional/Recreational Parks:Season
	Application
DateSpring/Summer	Beginning
December 16Fall/Winter	
Beginning May 16	Synthetic turf fields can be permitted at

any time throughout the year, weather permitting, if not closed for maintenance or renovation.

If the first day of seasonal permitted use (March 15 for Local Park Fields, and April 1 for Regional / Recreational Park Fields) falls on a Sunday, permitted use will be allowed on the preceding Saturday. If the last day of permitted use falls on a Saturday, permitted use will be allowed on the following Sunday.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

It is a public park. Public pays taxes for these parks. Public should be allowed to use the park when they are not occupied.

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Q11

Please indicate whether you think the Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time of the policy should be reviewed. Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time To ensure as many groups as possible have access to field time, groups should release any unneeded field time as soon as their schedules are set. Users will not be charged for this field time if it is returned to CUPF by March 15 for the spring / summer season and by August 16 for the fall season. All returns must be submitted in writing. If an organization returns field time from its historic allocation list, those fields will be removed from the organization's historic use and made available for other groups.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Public parks with restrictions on use are not public parks.

Why are people being turned away and asked to obtain permits but the management is not allowing permits. Is this a public park? Management needs to provide answers to tax paying citizens.

Page 6

Q12

Please indicate whether you think the Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations of the policy should be reviewed. Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations Artificial turf fields are available for permitted use year-round, except when closed for maintenance, renovation, or extreme weather conditions. Applications for seasonal use of artificial turf fields must follow the permit application schedule outlined above. Off-season requests can be submitted at any time. Games and practices are allowed on artificial turf fields. For artificial turf fields constructed in coordination with the Board of Education or other partners, the community use hours dictated by that specific agreement will be permitted; available community use hours may vary from field to field.

No

Page 7

Q13

Please indicate whether you think the Holiday Use Regulations section of the policy should be reviewed. Holiday Use Regulations Local Parks: This includes athletic fields in local, neighborhood and stream valley parks. These fields may be reserved by permit or used on a first-come, first-served basis, unless otherwise posted. Permit holders have priority. Regional/Recreational Parks: Permits will not be issued for some regional or recreational fields on Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or on other established M-NCPPC holidays.

No

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Q14**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Off-Season Use Regulations section of the policy should be reviewed. Off-Season Use Regulations All organized, league or team play for games or practices is prohibited on natural grass park athletic fields during the following periods: Regional/Recreational Park Fields: December 1 – March 31 and August 16 – August 31. Local Park Fields: December 1 – March 14. These periods are established to allow for turf growth, rest and seasonal maintenance. Exceptions include Blair and Blake High School fields and contractual partnership agreements. Synthetic turf fields are available for permitting throughout the year.

Page 9

Q15**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Off Field Use for Non-Designated Sports section of the policy should be reviewed. Off Field Use for Non-Designated Sports Field use priority will be given first to games and practices for the sport which each field is designed (e.g., baseball/softball on diamond fields, soccer/football/lacrosse on rectangular fields). Once all games and practices for the designated sport have been assigned, use of any available fields for non-designated sports will be considered. Any fields not being used for their designated sport can be permitted for a non-designated sport with the written approval of the park manager. Fields can be used for both designated and non-designated sports during the same season only with the written approval of the park manager if there are no concerns about overuse or safety due to obstacles created by goals or other equipment. Fields used for both designated and non-designated sports will be lined and prepared only for the designated sport. Fields used for non-designated sports will not qualify for historic use allocation in future scheduling.

Page 10

Q16**No**

Please indicate whether you think the Field Renovation Guidelines sections of the policy should be reviewed. Field Renovation Guidelines Fields designated for the annual turf renovation program will be closed for one year, from September 1 to August 31. All play is prohibited on these fields during this time.

Page 11

Q17**No**

Please indicate whether you think the General Guidelines for Field Use section of the policy should be reviewed.

General Guidelines for Field Use

All applicants must be 21 years and older. All field users are expected to adhere to the following guidelines to help keep fields in an acceptable condition for public use. Violation of these guidelines may result in fines or the loss of future permitting or use privileges:

- All unlit fields must be vacated by dark. The permit must be on site in the possession of the permitted group or individual during the scheduled time. (A game schedule or a photocopy of the permit will serve as a permit for the Department of Recreation or leagues once verified by Park staff or Park Police.)
- The permit is for the sole use of the organization named on the permit contract and is not transferable.
- Loud music, bands, or excessive noise which disturbs the peace are prohibited.
- Permit holders are required to see that players and spectators adhere to all park regulations, including:
 - No beer or alcohol allowed nor the use of illegal drugs
 - No urinating or changing clothes in public
 - No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
 - No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal.
 - All recyclables must be picked up and placed in the nearest recycling receptacle or carried away for proper disposal
 - Removal or repositioning of goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields is not allowed
 - The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the benches, playing areas, and those areas in proximity to the playing field (this includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff);
 - No selling of food, beverages or merchandise on park property without an approved concession permit
 - Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
 - No Parking nor driving on the field
 - All Pets must be leashed at all times
 - No grilling or any type of open flame allowed
 - Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.
- Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:
 - It is closed for renovation or repair;
 - Water is standing on the field;
 - Soil is frozen;
 - The soil is wet and "spongy";
 - Steady rain is falling;
 - A lightning/electrical storm is occurring;
 - The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.
- Use of a synthetic grass athletic field is prohibited when:
 - It is closed for renovation or repair
 - A lightning/electrical storm is occurring
 - The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.

Closed due to weather conditions. Field users may contact the Montgomery Parks inclement weather line at 301-765-8787 to determine whether a field is open for play.

Q18

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Denial and Revocation section of the policy should be reviewed. Permit Denial and Revocation Any users found to be in violation of the guidelines outlined in this policy will be subject to all applicable fines and penalties, including loss of future permitting and use privileges. A permit may be denied or revoked if the permit holder or any member of the permitted user group: Violates the guidelines stated in this policy; Does not comply with M-NCPPC Rules & Regulations and stated Conditions of Use; Fails to use permitted field; Removes posted signs or markers, or removes or repositions goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields; Uses a field that is closed due to weather or undergoing renovations or repairs; Does not comply with league application procedures. The Department of Parks reserves the right to revoke or deny a permit as necessary if a field needs to be closed for immediate repair. In all such cases, permit holders will be given as much notice as is possible.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Permits should be allowed to public when parks or fields are not in use or obtained. This is a tax paying public park.

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Q19

Please indicate whether you think the Application Procedures section of the policy should be reviewed. Application Procedures League Organization Block Scheduling: Prior to each season, CUPF will forward a field permit application packet to the representative of each designated league organizations. League representatives must submit all of their organizations' game and practice permit requests directly to CUPF by the designated application deadline for each season. Organizations should encourage their team representatives to forward any field permit needs directly to their respective league representatives. Individual / Team Practice Requests: Individuals and team representatives may submit practice field requests directly to CUPF. However, as league game and practice permit requests will be processed prior to individual / team requests (as indicated above), team representatives should inquire with their organization regarding its allotted field time prior to submitting any additional applications to CUPF. New Organizations and individual / team representatives may apply for game or practice permits: 1. Online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf 2. By faxing or mailing an application 3. In Person at CUPF Please call for Office hours and address 240-777-2725

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

We have contacted the office. Spoke to managers in person but they are just directing everyone to different offices.

They do not know the policy themselves and tell us there is no permits allowed on weekdays. This is misleading and there needs to be people held accountable.

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Q20

Please indicate whether you think the Fee Schedule sections of the policy should be reviewed. Fee Schedule CUPF will issue permits only after all fees have been paid in full. Athletic Field fees follow the M-NCPPC User Fee Schedule, as approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. A copy of the current approved fee schedule can be viewed at www.ParkPermits.org and at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf. A separate utility fee will be charged for use of lighted fields. A charge will be assessed for returned checks. These fees are subject to change without notice.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Public parks have fees to use the field. Then that makes it a private park. If this is a public park then why are tax payers not allowed to use the park? Or obtain permits for use?

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Q21

Please indicate whether you think the Cancellations and Refunds section of the policy should be reviewed. Cancellations and Refunds Refund requests may be submitted for all field time cancelled by park staff due to inclement weather or other reasons. Field users are responsible for tracking these cancellations and must submit a list of all refund requests to CUPF for consideration. These lists will be compared against staff cancellation lists and refunded accordingly. Refund requests must be submitted in writing no later than July 15 for scheduled field time from March 15 – June 30, and by December 15 for scheduled field time from July 1 – November 30. Any refund requests received after those dates will not be honored.

No

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Q22

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Policy Statement,

Permitting Seasons,

General Guidelines for Field Use

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

Public parks should not require permits when fields are not in use or occupied. It is stated in your policy that field can be used on first come first served bases.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCL

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

250-500

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Adult

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Q6

Male

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Q7

Please indicate whether you think the Policy Statement of the policy should be reviewed. Policy Statement: The purpose of this policy is to establish an orderly and fair procedure for the reservation of athletic fields for practices, games, tournaments, and special events. It is the intent of this policy to balance the increase in demand for such organized uses with the maintenance, renovation, and rest necessary to protect the long-term playability of our fields and ensure user safety. Most regional and recreational park fields require a permit for use. Regional and recreational fields may be permitted for official league games only; no practices are allowed on these fields. Permits are required at all times for regional/recreational fields and other fields marked "by permit only." If no permits have been issued, local park fields may be used on a first-come, first-served basis, unless otherwise posted, or prohibited in this policy. Non-permitted users must cede the field to designated permit holders at all times. Play is strictly prohibited from December 1 through March 14 on all natural grass fields and during field work, renovations and inclement weather, or when posted signs prohibit use. All user groups must adhere to all rules and regulations outlined in this policy and comply with all M-NCPPC Rules & Regulations and stated Conditions of Use.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Make it available to use grounds on weekdays

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Q8

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Permitting Seasons	Local Park Fields	Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15	Fall: August 16 – November 30	Regional / Recreational Park Fields	Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15	Fall: September 1 – November 30

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Closed due to weather conditions. Field users may contact the Montgomery Parks inclement weather line at 301-765-8787 to determine whether a field is open for play.

Q18**Yes**

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Denial and Revocation section of the policy should be reviewed.

Permit Denial and Revocation

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- Violates the guidelines stated in this policy;
- Does not comply with M-NCPPC Rules & Regulations and stated Conditions of Use;
- Fails to use permitted field;
- Removes posted signs or markers, or removes or repositions goals installed by authorized M-NCPPC staff or contractors on park fields;
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Please indicate whether you think the Application Procedures section of the policy should be reviewed.

Application Procedures

League Organization

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Q22**Permitting Seasons**

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Maryland Cricket League (MCL)

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

500-750

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Youth,

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Adult

Q6

Male

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

Q7

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

We were asked to leave by field manager from South Germantown cricket field even though it was "no permit" ground during weekdays. This policy shall be followed in its current terms by these field managers.

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Q8

Please indicate whether you think the Criteria section of the policy should be reviewed: Criteria Field allocation for leagues will be based on prior use. However, leagues representatives must apply for permits by the designated deadline of each season. When processing permit applications, every effort is made to provide each qualifying organization with a permit for at least some of the field time requested. Allocation of athletic fields is determined by the following priority system: First Priority: Montgomery County Department of Recreation Programs, City of Takoma Park Recreation Programs, Adopt-a-Field groups, public/private partnerships or other contractual agreements, and special event/tournament requests. Second Priority: Montgomery or Prince George's County community-based leagues and schools, including organized youth leagues. First and second priority user groups must submit their requests by the respective deadline for each season or their first priority status will be forfeited for that season.

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

The field allocation shall be on the basis of first come first serve permit, not based on prior use. The policy on its current terms reduces competition.

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Q9

Please indicate whether you think the Permitting Seasons section of the policy should be reviewed. Permitting Seasons
Local Park Fields Spring / Summer: March 15 – August 15 Fall: August 16 – November 30 Regional / Recreational Park Fields Spring / Summer: April 1 – August 15 Fall: September 1 – November 30

Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

The spring/summer season can start from March 1.

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Q10

No

Please indicate whether you think the Permit Application Schedule section of the policy should be reviewed. Permit Application Schedule All permit applications must be submitted to the County's Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) office. Local/Neighborhood Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer Beginning February 1 Fall/Winter Beginning July Regional/Recreational Parks: Season Application Date Spring/Summer Beginning December 16 Fall/Winter Beginning May 16 Synthetic turf fields can be permitted at any time throughout the year, weather permitting, if not closed for maintenance or renovation. If the first day of seasonal permitted use (March 15 for Local Park Fields, and April 1 for Regional / Recreational Park Fields) falls on a Sunday, permitted use will be allowed on the preceding Saturday. If the last day of permitted use falls on a Saturday, permitted use will be allowed on the following Sunday.

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Permitting Seasons,**Permit Application Schedule,****General Guidelines for Field Use****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Maryland Cricket League

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

500-750

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

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Q5

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Q6

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Criteria,

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What league are you associated with?

Q2 Baseball

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Q3 100-250

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Application Procedures,
Cancellations and Refunds**

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Other (please specify):

We run a school fundraising program that promotes leadership and fitness (Fun Run)

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Fee Schedule**Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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NIH Co-Rec Softball

Q2

Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

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What league are you associated with?

Germantown sports associations

Q2**Football**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**100-250**

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**Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time,
Artificial Turf Use Schedule and Regulations,
Cancellations and Refunds**

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As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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What league are you associated with?

Nigeria Soccer League

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**250-500**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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PG

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Youth co ed Street Hockey

Q2

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Other (please specify):

Co ed youth street hockey

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100-250

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What league are you associated with?

Independent team

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**0-100**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

NA

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,
Soccer

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

0-100

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

Q5

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

Youth

Q6

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Male

Q7

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Q22

Respondent skipped this question

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Q23

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Sunday Morning Men's Club league

Q2

Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

100-250

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5

Adult

Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Male

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

We have not had problems in the past except for rain outs which we adhere to if we have the permit and another group decides to play on the field we get the blame for the damage. Do not know how to fix but it can be a serious problem

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This works for our league

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For the same reasons I have stated before. Need to have some kind of investigative procedure so our league does not get the blame for permitted fields that we do not play on when they are closed.

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Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

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What league are you associated with?

MCPI

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

250-500

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County should issue permit during weekend so players can practice on ground obstructions. This is ridiculous that county doesn't want to open field during weekends. What good is the field if players can't use it. Soccerplex Cricket Ground is closed during weekends, that's ridiculous. We are paying all this taxes to county and we can't even use the county facilities. And the person managing thr soccerplex ground doesn't know any rules and doesn't know how to speak with players. He was very disrespectful to everyone on the ground. Tech that person some manner first!!!!

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Permitting Seasons,**Off-Season Use Regulations,****Permit Denial and Revocation****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCL

Q2

Cricket

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

0-100

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

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Which age groups does your organization serve? Please select all that apply.

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Male

What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

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Yes,

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Since we have a lot of cricket game going-on and Soccerplex policy are not allowing for practice team to play on this ground seems unfair. This is a public ground not private so whoever comes first should be able to practice on this ground. should change policy and allow practice on Soccerplex ground.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Montgomery village football

Q2

Football

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

100-250

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

No, please specify your location::

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Beltway

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Youth

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Policy Statement,

Criteria,

General Guidelines for Field Use

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Need more park police patrolling to enforce the rules. When their presence is seen changes the atmosphere.

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What league are you associated with?

MVSA

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Baseball,

Football,

Lacrosse,

Soccer,

Softball

Q3

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250-500

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Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

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Youth

Q6

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Yes,

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Each year is different. This year you may have less, whereas the following year you go back to normalcy. This would create an issue of your historic times are adjusted. If it's following a trend of activity yes; other than that it should be as is.

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- The permit is for the sole use of the organization named on the permit contract and is not transferable.
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Q22**Holiday Use Regulations**

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Q23**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

NCSL

Q2

Soccer

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

Above 1000

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Yes

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

None

Q2**Lacrosse**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**0-100**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

No, please specify your location::

Do Training around the DMV

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- No urinating or changing clothes in public
- No loud noises permitted (boom boxes, horns, car alarms)
- No littering. All trash must be picked up during and after field use and placed in the nearest receptacle or carried away for proper disposal.
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- Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is allowed in designated parking areas only
- No Parking nor driving on the field
- All Pets must be leashed at all times
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- Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit.

Use of a natural grass athletic field is prohibited when:

- It is closed for renovation or repair;
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- Soil is frozen;
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- Steady rain is falling;
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The field is deemed unplayable by Park staff or Park Police.

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Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please select the sections that are your top priorities for review; you can choose up to three.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

NCSL Soccer U15

Q2**Soccer**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**100-250**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4**Yes**

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Q5**Youth**

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What gender do you serve? Please select all that apply.

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Yes,

If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

Reservations seem to favor historical users, larger organizations that monopolize the use of soccer fields. Our club has consistently had a hard time getting a change to obtain permits. Our manager have seen cases when the larger organizations (ex MSI) reserve the fields and not use them which gives clubs like ours little to no opportunity to get fields that we need. We find ourselves in a scramble for practice space, driving past empty field that are reserved

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Allocation based on prior use locks out smaller clubs. A club with six teams has little chance of consistent access to fields. We have seen time and again large organizations like MSI reserving fields that are lightly used at time when our clubs is scrambling to find a place to play

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Policy Statement,

Criteria,

Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

As mentioned, as a smaller club, we find the preference towards larger, older organizations to be unfair. If our club has 20 teams rather than 1,000, it does not mean we should be relegated to scramble from week to week

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MoCo Recreation

Q2

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Cricket,
Football,
Soccer,
Softball

Q3

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

750-1000

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

Yes

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If you answered yes, please explain what aspects of this section you would like to see reviewed::

With Montgomery County Recreation being one of the largest users of park fields, we normally schedule summer games in early April and Fall games in late August. It might help to have one or two additional weeks to return unused fields and get a more accurate read on what needs to be returned.

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As much advance notice as possible for fields that will be renovated

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Policy Statement,

Permit Application Schedule,

Release Dates for Unneeded Field Time

Q23

As a valued field permit holder, please provide any additional feedback about the Athletic Field Permit Use Policy.

As one of the largest users of Park fields, MoCo Rec would like parks to give some leniency in emergencies ie allowing switching to an available field if permitted field goes down unexpectedly.

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

Capital Alumni Network (CAN) softball

Q2

Softball

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3

750-1000

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

Q4

Is your league based in Montgomery County?

No, please specify your location::
Washington DC

Q5

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Application Procedures,**Fee Schedule,****Cancellations and Refunds****Q23****Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

What league are you associated with?

MCR Senior Softball League

Q2**Softball**

What sports does your league provide? Select all that apply.

Q3**500-750**

Please select the size of your league by number of participants.

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CUPF tracks and determines inclement weather cancellations; therefore, the extra step of permit holders submitting refund requests for inclement weather is counterintuitive. For instance, if Recreation cancels a class for inclement weather, participants are automatically refunded by Recreation or provided a rescheduled date.

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Q22**Cancellations and Refunds**

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EDP

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MSI (Montgomery Soccer Inc)

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MONTGOMERY PARKS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
2425 Reedie Drive | Wheaton, MD 20902
MontgomeryParks.org

Draft Policy Survey Responses: September 2025

1. Sport: All

Organization: KOA Sports

League: KOA Sports

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

Go-Live events are held three times a year (these dates are subject to change):

I. February 15 for the spring/summer season (see if you can make 2-3 weeks early)

II. July 15 for the fall season- FINE

III. November 1 for the winter season- FINE

Section 4. Permitting seasons

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I. Practice/Game fields

March 15[1] – August 15

II. Game Only fields

April 1[1] – August 15 (would suggest 3/15-8/3)

III. Year-Round Synthetic Turf fields

March 15 – August 15

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August 16 – November 30[1] (would suggest

8/16-12/15)

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I. Practice/Game fields

Closed

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Closed

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December 1 – March 14

2. Sport: Youth Tag Rugby

Organization: Maryland Exiles Rugby Club

League: Rugby Maryland

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

It looks good. I believe we have 20+ years of history renting the same fields (Timberlawn Park for practices and Avenel Park for matches in the summer) at approximately same time but I do not know if we have Priority Use Status. I'd like to find out since that would help our process.

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Organization: Left Blank

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

You should be listing specific game only fields in the draft (and what if any have changes to that list exist). I have no idea if you're taking away normally available public spaces and that's arguably the most important part of this to the taxpayers. Also... someone should reconsider the rules about reserving 7 days prior and cancelling 10 days prior. There's an entire office of people doing a job that one highschooler could code into an app. Why do they need so much time in advance of a reservation? I understand that some spaces require staffing but how hard is it to delineate those options in the system?

4. Sport: Soccer

Organization: DCXI

League: EDP/USL-Youth

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Youth

Understood

5. Sport: Baseball

Organization: OBGC, others

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

It would be great to pilot a late permit cancellation or highlight open fields in a geographical area rather than having to search each field by type. For example, you have to do separate searches to find suitable fields. Additionally, noting whether fields (especially baseball) are all grass or have dirt would be helpful.

6. Sport: Soccer

Organization: Luciano Emilio SC

League:

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Youth

Please have clear signage at all fields. Game only fields should be marked as such and those in violation should be subject to a fine

Regular field signage explaining that walk ons Must yield to permit holders. If they do not yield the park police should be contacted to assist. Too many times it has been contentious and unsafe.

Cover game only field in the off seasons

The abuse is rampant and I hope the updates to your policy's make the parks more welcoming and safe for those following the rules

7. Sport:

Organization: DCMSBL

League: DCMSBL

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Adult

The only concern is with losing historical use on fields we have had permits for both Saturday and Sunday.

8. Sport: Softball, Kickball, Flag football, volleyball, basketball

Organization: DC Fray

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Adult

Game Only Field Restrictions

These fields can only be used for official league games with paid referees/umpires and uniforms?

Recreational leagues (especially low-cost, volunteer-run programs) may be shut out if they don't meet those formal standards?

Practices are banned, so rec groups can't use the top-quality fields for anything except official games?

9. Sport: Soccer, softball

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Adult

Overall changes are positive - adding more clarity. The "priority use" recommendation to submit previous years' roster data raises a few concerns 1) privacy and 2) is quite cumbersome to compile

10. Sport: Baseball

Organization: Have been with many (KOA sports, JCCGW, Dig In Baseball, Ponce Baseball, ect.

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Both

I believe there needs to be a proof-of-use. Arlington County, VA has a QR code at each field on the backstop that the permittee must scan upon entry/exit. This helps prevent organizations from paying for fields without utilizing them.

Additionally, I believe the roster requirement will be met with some backlash among the community. For example, if I sign up to play in a league because it's close to work, or on my way home - it shouldn't matter at all where I live. It should be based on where the organization with the permit is based. Additionally, if I sign up through a specific organization, I don't mind them getting my home address - but I don't consent to them passing my home address/information to other organizations. That is ridiculous.

11. Sport: Soccer

Organization: Montgomery Soccer Inc (MSI)

League: MSI Classic and MSI Rec Leagues

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. We appreciate the effort to improve field access and management. Below are MSI's comments:

- Return Fee Adjustment: Changing the return fee from \$50 to 25% of the permit cost is a positive step. This provides more economical incentives for organizations to return unused fields.
- Conditional Reimbursement: Consider reimbursing permit fees (minus the 25% admin fee) only if the field is re-rented. This would promote earlier returns and better field utilization.
- Priority Status: Organizations should not lose priority status for returning unused fields. This encourages responsible management for any given date without penalty for the following year.
- Roster Privacy: Requiring rosters with names and addresses raises privacy concerns, especially for minors. FOIA risks should be considered. We would want assurances that all data remains confidential.
- Operational Feasibility: MSI alone has six hundred teams and 8,000 youth players, reviewing all rosters may not be practical. Does Montgomery Parks have the resources to review all of these? Is it an effective use of staff time? If there are concerns about specific permit rentals or specific teams, then we recommend amending rules to allow Montgomery Parks to review rosters upon request, rather than a blanket submission policy. A targeted review process would be more efficient.
- Permit Limits: We are concerned about limiting how many days an organization can have priority access to a field. If organizations are expected to manage field permits for their teams, restricting their permitted days directly undermines their ability to fulfill that consolidated role effectively.
- Efficient Usage: If the goal of limiting the number of permits per organization is to increase community access, we recommend evaluating actual field usage rather than simply counting the number of days an organization holds permits. For example, MSI schedules multiple teams to share a field, allocating just one hour per team. A two-hour permit can therefore accommodate up to four teams, maximizing field utilization. This approach is more efficient and inclusive than allowing a single team or individual to reserve the entire field for two hours, which limits broader community access.
- Alternative Metrics: Priority access could be based on total hours per organization, scaled to membership size, rather than fixed days per field.
- Community Maintenance Program: We advocate for creating a program that allows trained and adequately insured individuals /organizations to assist with field maintenance (painting lines, mowing grass, moving goal posts) under Montgomery Parks supervision, following strict Montgomery Parks guidelines. This would improve field conditions for users at no cost to Montgomery Parks.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond and we hope that you take these points into consideration before making final decisions.

12. Sport: Son plays Baseball and Football

Organization: BCC Little League Baseball

League: 12u Select, 9U, 10U, 11u Summer Express

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

As a baseball coach for four BCC Baseball teams ages 8–12, I understand deeply the importance of consistent and nearby field access. The new proposed Athletic Field Use Permit Policy would fundamentally change how and where our teams practice and play. Because fields are now being reclassified (Game Only, Practice/Game, synthetic turf), many teams will lose permitted practice time or be forced off high-quality diamonds we've used for decades.

Under the draft rules, priority use is being tied to historical permit compliance and roster submissions, meaning legacy programs—like BCC—must rely on perfect paperwork just to preserve past rights. Worse, outside tournaments and non-local organizations are allowed to apply for special use that can displace local youth teams.

This policy risks severing community access, forcing us to reduce registrations, turn away players, or shift teams to distant or inferior fields. It penalizes dedicated local programs that have served our neighborhoods for decades.

I urge Montgomery Parks to revise the draft to maintain priority field access for BCC and other established local youth leagues, protect community-based scheduling, limit outside tournament displacement, and bolster fairness for families who depend on neighborhood sports infrastructure.

13. Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: Select

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

The County should reconsider the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy.

The proposed policy has the potential to do significant harm to the local baseball community. For example, the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access that many local teams have used for decades. This would disrupt community connections and local participation. It would also force community-based leagues to limit registration and turn away players. Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available. This would unfairly penalize successful community programs that have built strong local roots.

The proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would benefit non-residents at the expense of residents. For example, it would allow outside organizations to reserve fields for short-term tournaments. The groups playing in these tournaments often have no ties to Montgomery County. Thus, local teams who paid to participate in local leagues would be displaced from their regular fields to

make room for outside events. The tax dollars paid by county residents should be used to benefit those residents, not to benefit out-of-county tournament organizers who do not pay similar taxes.

The County should protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. This would keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

14. Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

My understanding of the new policy is that outside organizations hosting tournaments in Montgomery County could displace BCC Baseball practices/games, making it more difficult for a local sports organization to find playing space. BCC Baseball might have to limit teams and turn away players if there is not enough playing space. This is wrong. Priority should be given to local organizations serving Montgomery County kids. BCC has been in MoCo for over 30 years and is an integral part of the local sports community. It is unfair to displace local players for short-term tournaments, where often the organizations and players have no ties to MoCo. Please reconsider and revise the draft policy. MoCo parks should prioritize local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. Please keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven.

15. Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC Select

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Youth

I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy and its potential impact on BCC Baseball and other sports for residents. For decades, BCC Baseball has been a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization with a stellar reputation in Montgomery County. BCC baseball serves thousands of local children and families each year, providing high-quality programming as a not-for-profit that relies on dedicated volunteers.

Families in our community highly value having practices and games held close to home in their neighborhoods. The new proposed policy threatens to take away local field access that many teams have relied upon for decades. This change would disrupt community connections and

local participation, which are integral to our mission, and connect people to the community and its parks.

Under the new policy, BCC Baseball would be forced to limit registration and turn away eager players. Some neighborhoods would be unable to form teams due to insufficient field availability. This would diminish what BCC can offer and what Montgomery County families desire for their children. Such a policy unfairly penalizes successful community programs with strong local roots.

Special Permits & Tournaments Favor Outside Organizations over Community Members. The policy allows outside organizations to reserve fields for short-term tournaments, often involving groups with no ties to Montgomery County. Local teams who have paid to participate in BCC Baseball could be displaced from their regular fields to accommodate these outside events. This undermines over 30 years of established community use and adversely affects local families.

We urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy. It is crucial to protect local access and prioritize use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. Let's keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven, rather than allowing them to be displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter, Tracy Van Grack

16. Sport: I coach baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: 12U Select, 10U Select, Summer Select, and Developmental/Recreational

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I have coached youth baseball with BCC Baseball for 7 years with both of my sons (ages 11 and 9) and my daughter (age 6). My boys are both part of the BCC Select league (12U and 10U) and they both play with their respective Summer Select teams. My daughter plays Rec baseball, as well. I have been a Head Coach or Assistant Coach for all of their teams and continue to help out the Rec teams that my sons left behind when he moved up to Select.

It is not an exaggeration to say that BCC Baseball is the cornerstone source of joy and community for my family. With 5 practices and 5 games each week across our 3 teams during the Fall and Spring season, BCC Baseball has been THE social, community, and health activity around which our family orbits. It is invaluable and fundamental to my personal bond with my children and our bond with the local community.

We live in the Westmoreland Hills area of Bethesda, and we pay among the highest local taxes of any county in our area. Generally speaking, I have no complaints about that because we have valued the county services that we receive, including, in large part, access to high quality, convenient baseball fields.

I was stunned to learn that the County is considering a new policy that would prioritize outside

paid rentals of our fields over the local community's use, which have been the principal users of these fields for decades, and who already pay for use of those fields through our taxes and the permitting through BCC Baseball.

In a vacuum, this feels like a money grab; devaluing the local community that already pays for these fields, for the sake of an opportunity to essentially "double charge" for use of these fields. But it feels especially ugly given the long, positive history between BCC Baseball and the County.

BCC Baseball is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization that has been in good standing with Montgomery County for decades. The organization serves thousands of local children and families each year.

As I understand it, the new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access that my family and families like mine have relied on for decades. This would be incredibly disruptive for family and community connections that BCC Baseball has provided us for years, and would undoubtedly diminish local participation in and access to youth sports.

Through discussions with leadership and the Board at BCC Baseball, I understand that BCC Baseball would necessarily have to shrink. They would be forced to limit registration and turn away youth residents of the County, when we should be expanding local sports play and providing more health-related options for our community. I understand this may even eliminate teams altogether for certain neighborhoods and areas of the county because there won't be enough fields available. At its core, this policy will limit the opportunities that families in Montgomery County want for their kids.

Allowing, and even prioritizing, outside organizations and short-term tournaments is totally backwards thinking. It unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots. Local teams with county residents who have paid to participate in BCC Baseball would be displaced from their regular fields to make room for outside events with teams that often will have no connection to MoCo at all. This totally undermines 30+ years of established community use and hurts local families, like my family.

We urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy in a way that will prioritize local access to the County's baseball fields for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. The County's primary goal has to be keeping youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups to generate a few extra bucks. There's no way this new policy can be said to advance that goal.

17. Sport: baseball

Organization: Clarksburg Baseball

League: Clarksburg Baseball

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I am the field coordinator for Clarksburg Baseball, I've held this volunteer position for 18 years! Feedback on this proposed policy change: 1. What will happen to our historical use permits if we currently have a field more than 3 weekdays and 1 weekend? The few local fields we have like this are embedded in our community. We are the primary users and should not be penalized for that. We use and depend on our historic use fields. Clarksburg is a unique community in the county as we continue to grow with new developments. These new communities bring new youth participants. Reducing our fields will not allow us to accommodate for Clarksburg's continued growth. Along these same lines, we encourage the pilot program that allows some practice days on newly designated "Game only" fields at Damascus. We appreciate the county listening to our concerns.

On submitting the roster, we do not ask for their gender. Why is that being required? Lastly, in past county feedback meetings, field coordinators have suggested to allow "give back" fields for 1 or 2 seasons without the threat of losing the historic use. This is a more reasonable solution that will produce better results since leagues go through ebbs and flows with various age divisions.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. I would be happy to be included in future planning permit meetings and share a "boots on the ground" perspective.

Donna Pfeiffer

Clarksburg Baseball Field Coordinator

18. Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Select 11/12 U

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Youth

I am concerned that the draft policy will negatively affect BCC Baseball. The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access many teams have used for decades.

BCC Baseball has a tremendous role and reputation in our community. And they fill an important gap in the levels of baseball offered in Montgomery County. It is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization. It's in good standing with Montgomery County for decades and serves thousands of local children and families each year. Further, it provides high-quality programming — not-for-profit that relies on volunteers
Community Impact

It services families that value that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods. This change disrupts community connections and local participation.

As consequences of the New Policy:

(1) BCC Baseball would be forced to limit registration and turn away players.

(2) Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available.

(3) The policy would reduce what BCC can offer and what families in Montgomery County want for their kids.

(4) It unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots.

Special Permits & Tournament Concerns

(5) The policy allows outside organizations to reserve fields for short-term tournaments.

(6) The groups playing in these tournaments often have no ties to Montgomery County.

(6) Local teams who paid to participate in BCC Baseball could be displaced from their regular fields to make room for outside events.

(7) This undermines 30+ years of established community use and hurts local families.

We urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy. The County must protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. It must keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

19 Sport: baseball

Organization: bcc baseball

League: bcc baseball select

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I am writing to express concern over the proposed changes to the Athletic Field Use Permit policy. Specifically, I am concerned about the reduction in permitted hours from 7 days to 3 days and 1 weekend day. The only reason given in the presentation was that it would be consistent with the facilities use policies. But I do not think consistency alone is a persuasive reason to change the existing policy. Instead, reducing the hours that an existing program can use the fields will mean that well-run, established programs will have to turn kids away because they lost out on fields that they have long used and needed, without any support for the idea that they will be more effectively used by a different entity.

But my broader concern with the change is that it expands access to regional fields for special permits and outside events. My understanding is that a consequence of the new policy will be to make it easier for non-local travel teams to reserve regional fields for tournaments, and that local programs will be hurt as a consequence. I have been involved in youth baseball for almost a decade, with Montgomery County Little League and BCC Baseball. In my view, they represent what the best of what youth sports can be. They are open to all, focused on positive sportsmanship, exercise, and improving skills. They are local and volunteer driven. From my experience, the travel/tournament baseball system is, truthfully, more an example of what is wrong with youth sports. They are expensive, profit-making enterprises that foster a hyper-

competitive culture with little emphasis on kids from the local community and developing less skilled players. BCC Baseball, specifically, is a long-standing, local community-based program that has had a well-deserved sterling reputation for over thirty years. The quality of the fields that it can use is an important part of its appeal and the quality of its programming. Seeing kids walk into Povich Field at Cabin John for the first time and realize that they get to play baseball there (the same field where, for my kids, they got to watch Big Train play against the Thunderbolts) is a great experience. I believe that any change that intentionally or incidentally prioritizes access for outside, travel baseball tournaments over existing local community-based programs would be a real loss for Montgomery County.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Adam Naill

20 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: 13u/14u Select

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I do not support the limitations on priority permitting. Our league currently has two games a week plus a practice. Six total teams. That's just one of our leagues within the BCC Baseball program. Upon review of this it appears all our teams would be limited on local field access. Especially for practice and practice games during the week, which is already a challenge based off how many teams the BCC Baseball program alone has. It would appear, based off these proposed limitations, the BCC Baseball program which is made up of local Montgomery County residents, would have to reduce the number of teams to meet the local field availability. Resulting in local kids being turned away from playing baseball. It is unclear what MC Parks is gaining from this proposal and I hope these limitations were not put into place to allow other organizations, not in paying taxes in Montgomery county, to permit these fields.

21 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: U14 Select

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

The arbitrary designation of some fields as "Game Only" fields will undoubtedly lead to less options for Montgomery County families who rely on neighborhood fields for both organized practices through existing leagues, as well as "walk on" practices on days when nothing else is scheduled.

This will most likely create a bottleneck for practices, already a tightrope to walk with the commitment of children to so many different sports programs, and will lead to reducing the number of fields, opportunities, and teams for kids to play on. I am truly at a loss as to why the Department would take this approach when the existing method is working relatively well. I can understand that trying to protect some of the fields by limiting their use might be appealing, but fundamentally the purpose of the parks are to enable play, not limit where play can take place.

One can only assume that there are moneyed interests arrayed in favor of the policy, most likely highly lucrative travel programs that serve a fraction of what the recreational leagues do. In this bid to capitalize on the amount of money that local sports can generate, the county will show the worst excesses of capitalism and greed.

Let the kids play. Abandon this policy of limiting the options that families have to get their kids outdoors and playing.

22 Sport: Baseball and Softball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy. While I appreciate efforts to improve field management, this policy could unintentionally harm long-standing, community-based programs like BCC Baseball, which has served local families for decades. Restricting local field access would force BCC Baseball to turn away players and dissolve neighborhood teams, limiting opportunities for thousands of children. The policy also risks prioritizing outside, for-profit tournaments over local youth teams. I urge the County to reconsider and ensure that our fields remain accessible to children in Montgomery County.

23 Sport: Baseball

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

You should reconsider the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy. Most simply - all of my tax dollars should support local kids and organizations open to lots of local kids - not for profit tournaments mostly filled with people from Virginia, Pennsylvania or other counties in Maryland. You barely upkeep the fields as they are.

The proposed changes have the potential to do significant harm to the local baseball community. For example, the proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access that many local teams have used for decades. This would disrupt community connections and local participation. It would also force community-based leagues to limit registration and turn away players. Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough

The proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would benefit non-residents at the expense of residents. For example, it would allow outside organizations to reserve fields for short-term tournaments. The groups playing in these tournaments often have no ties to Montgomery County. Thus, local teams who paid to participate in local leagues would be displaced from their regular fields to make room for outside events. The tax dollars paid by county residents should be used to benefit those residents, not to benefit out-of-county tournament organizers who do not pay similar taxes.

The County should protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. This would keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

24 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC Select 12U

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

The local Montgomery County fields should be there for local kids, not kids coming from out of the area.

BCC Baseball's Role & Reputation

Longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization.

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Community Impact

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Special Permits & Tournament Concerns

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Your Ask

Urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy.

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Keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

25 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Recreational: Travel

Group Served: Youth

The impact of some of these changes would be severe. BCC Baseball would be forced to turn away players and even tell certain neighborhoods that they cannot form teams because we could no longer accommodate everyone in each age group. That's not what our community wants. We should be expanding access for local kids, not restricting it.

Also the proposed rules around Special Permits and Tournaments would allow outside organizations—some of which have no local roots—to take over fields traditionally used by BCC Baseball. It's unfair to displace local families and players, who have paid to participate in a community program, so that other groups can run for-profit tournaments. This change undermines the very community values the County has always supported and opens the door for non Montgomery County residents to play games on fields that have traditionally been used by local organizations.

BCC Baseball has been a reliable partner to Montgomery County for over 30 years. We invest in our players, our coaches, and our fields. We are asking for your help to ensure that this new policy does not unintentionally undercut one of the County's strongest community-based and independent programs.

Our understanding is that one of the goals of this new policy is to mimic what CUPF does with their permitting. As a longtime priority use user, we can tell you that CUPF does not seem to be following some of this policy - specifically 3B Limitations - where priority use is limited to 3 weekdays and 1 weekend field. We have multiple school fields that we have 5-7 days a week and have teams use them every single day.

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We do not think existing priority use users should be limited to 3 weekdays and 1 weekend. We do not think that special events/tournaments should displace longstanding field usage that directly affects a regular schedule. We think that 2/1 and 7/1 are way too early to return permits back to the County. We get our practice assignments and game schedules out before most organizations. 3/10 and 8/10 would be much more feasible if we have any fields to return. It's different year to year.

We respectfully urge you make changes to the proposed field permit draft that protect priority use for long-standing, community-serving organizations like BCC Baseball—so that local kids can continue to learn, play, and grow right here at home.

26 Sport: Baseball/Softball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Recreational; Travel; Both

Group Served: Youth

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27 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I would want the draft policy amended to protect local access and priority use for longstanding community based organizations including BCC Baseball. Having field access for practices and games nearby is vital.

28 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Softball

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Montgomery County Parks Athletic Field Use Permit Policy and to urge the County to protect field access for long-standing, community-based organizations like BCC Baseball.

BCC Baseball has been a trusted, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization for decades. It is in good standing with Montgomery County and has served

thousands of local children and families every year. The program is entirely non-profit and relies heavily on volunteers who dedicate countless hours to providing high-quality athletic experiences for our kids.

One of the greatest strengths of BCC Baseball is that families can play close to home — practices and games are held right in their own neighborhoods. These fields are more than just grass and dirt; they are places where friendships form, communities connect, and kids learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and confidence. The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away access to many local fields that teams have relied on for decades, undermining those deep community ties.

If the proposal moves forward as written, BCC Baseball will lose access to critical field time across the County. That means teams could lose their top practice and game locations, and BCC may be forced to limit registration and even turn away players. Entire neighborhoods could be told that they can no longer form teams because there won't be enough fields available. This policy would reduce what BCC can offer — and take away opportunities that Montgomery County families deeply value for their children. It unfairly penalizes a successful, community-rooted program that has operated responsibly and cooperatively for generations.

Please revise or reconsider this proposed policy. Protect local field access and prioritize long-standing, volunteer-run, community-based organizations like BCC Baseball that have proven track records of serving Montgomery County families. We urge you to ensure that the final policy maintains fair, stable access for BCC and preserves the tradition of local youth sports in our neighborhoods.

29 Sport: Cricket

Organization: MCPL

League: MCPL

Level of play: Recreational; Travel

Group Served: Youth: Adult: Both

This policy will be detrimental and eliminate the comparative sports organizations and leagues from Montgomery County. Running a rec league requires field usage guarantee and as it is we are extremely behind when it comes to setting up infrastructure. I've fought and been active since 2011/2012 and we had approval for 2 fields in South Germantown during FY21-26. We had the first one done and second one is not anywhere on the roadmap. Taking away historical usage rights and permitting on fields will mean cricket as a sport will be out of equation. We will not entertain that policy at any cost. I've been the biggest advocate and supporter for budget and cost cutting related issues, testified on behalf of Montgomery Parks so many times. But today I feel cheated and being dumped by the very organization that I was one of the most vocal and visible well wishers.

30 Sport: Softball

Organization: Multiple

League: Women's 40+

Level of play: Recreational; Travel; Both

Group Served: Adult

The divisions are clear. However, the "practice only" fields are generally not groomed and groomed and can be dangerous for adult softball—craters in the outfield; rocks and other obstacles which can send the ball in erratic directions.

31 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: Senior League

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I have reviewed the Policy Draft and I am concerned that it will reduce the availability of fields where teams can practice and play their games. I have been coaching for nine seasons (Spring and Fall) in the BCC Rec League and will be returning for a tenth season in the Spring. BCC Baseball is a tremendous program, that has been in good standing with Montgomery County for decades. BCC Baseball provides the opportunity for so many children, like my son, to learn how to play baseball and then grow into loving it.

Game and practice fields are essential to each BCC Baseball Team. My team practices twice each week before each weekend game during the Fall and Spring Seasons. Potentially losing access to a field for our practices would affect a team's ability to schedule the necessary practices to be prepared for games. Practice is where our players learn the fundamentals of the game, work on their fielding, baserunning, hitting and pitching. They also learn to play together as a team and become better teammates and players.

In addition, limiting access to some baseball fields will affect many neighborhoods in Montgomery County who have formed teams close to many of the fields. These neighborhoods have had teams for years and, with the proposed changes, will no longer be able to form their teams. That seems completely unfair and not what Montgomery County's community programs should be about.

I urge you not to go forward with this proposal, so that BCC Baseball will have access to enough fields that will allow it to make baseball available to so many families in the neighborhoods of Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Matt Byrne
(Coach of the Braves - BCC Rec Senior League
32 Sport: Softball & Baseball

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I'm concerned about the priority use limitation dropping from 7 days a week to 3 weekday and 1 weekend day.

We are a Jewish family that has kids in BCC baseball and softball leagues. BCC has teams and options for weekend play on Saturday and Sunday. Due to religious reasons and religious school, we sign up for teams that play Sunday afternoons (Saturday being the Jewish sabbath and Sunday morning our kids have Hebrew school).

Limiting league permitting to 1 weekend day will clearly restrict field options. This will undoubtedly negatively impact our ability to find a team/league that works.

There are other families that might have opposite concerns - Sunday avoidance, for example. This places an impossible burden on families and also league to coordinate. Also breaks apart existing teams and groups that have an equilibrium in place.

BCC specifically is a long standing volunteer-driven community organization that has been here in the county for generations. The benefit to the community is clear - and substantial. They have also been good stewards of inclusiveness and county resources as long as we've been involved with them.

I ask the reconsideration of that restriction of permitting to allow for 7 day access to fields.

Thank you.
Levi Brandriss

33 Sport: Baseball

Organization: Parent of BCC baseball child

League: BCC baseball

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

We urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy. We should protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. Put kids first.

34 Sport: Soccer

Organization: Rockville Olney Soccer Academy

League: EDP, MSI, SAM, CoR

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

The increase of the cancelation fee from \$50->25% of the contract seems excessive especially when you don't want ghost permitting or subletting . . . it makes it cost prohibitive to turn in the field permits. Small organizations don't always know their registration numbers by the deadlines imposed so that is a fairly high fee. I would consider some type of middle ground or a sliding scale based upon total business and/or number of cancelations. Additionally, I am very curious how you are going to handle the MSI program as they basically "sublet" their fields to their classic teams. We have been permitting a field with MSI for the last several years . . . who will get the permit in this new scenario since they cannot sublet the field or will they just be required to stop charging their teams for field space and make it part of their registration fee? Also, reducing the priority use to 3 days a week and 1 weekend day is somewhat confusing and would recommend it expressed in number of hours during the week and number of hours during the weekend. For example if I need to schedule a game on Saturday and a game on Sunday using a total of 4-6 hours, it sounds like I would be prohibited since it would be 2 weekend days while an MSI/MDSL, could block the entire 8-10 hours on a Saturday making the field completely booked that day. We are a small club that fought very hard to obtain our permits and we will have to give us days due to this new rule . . . I would recommend making this a rule for organizations that exceed XXX hours per season so us small clubs don't have to scramble looking for fields again. If this rule will apply as currently written, I would beg you to allow small clubs to exchange historic permits with one another . . . for example I could keep my Monday/Wednesday/Friday and give my Tuesday/Thursday for field X to Club Y and they could give me their Tuesday/Thursday for field Z. Would be complicated but this definitely hurts our club because we use 2 fields everyday of the week. I do appreciate all the effort and energy that is going into this thoughtful policy revision as I know it is not easy and you won't please everyone.

35 Sport: Softball and Baseball (Coach and Manager of 9 year old firl team and also 5-6 year old baseball team)

Organization: BCC

League: BCC

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I would like to comment as a dedicated parent who took up coaching and has initiated a few dozen kids to baseball and softball over the last 4 years.

With the new rules in place, I worry that all the kids in our softball (and baseball) team risk becoming unable to play due to the limited availability of fields reserved in priority to organizations, effectively disbanding our team(s).

When we created our first t-ball team, back when my oldest kid was in first grade, our group of parents decided to do it under the umbrella of BCC because it's an organization well implanted in the local community, with many of my neighbors proudly showing their logo on their cars' bumper sticker, catering to local kids of all levels in an inclusive participatory approach for the past few decades.

Now days, as the manager of two teams at the same time, I ask the league to give us a "double" field so both "sister" teams can practice at the same time. Volunteer coaches like me are often parents of more than one children of different age groups, and we have to coordinate more than one team at a time. Having sibling teams on the same location for practices is how we keep things working. We often get assigned a single real diamond and another patch of grass with a fence in a corner for the younger kids team, but we make due with what we have. Only one season did we get two real diamonds for our practice and it was glorious.

Indeed, with the current rules in place up until now, I am rarely able to get from my league the field I would like for my practices. The time windows offered mean that I have to make compromises on both location and time. That means some kids sometimes drop out of the activity because we don't get a time slot that works for everybody, close enough to the school, at the right time. It's very challenging to work out all the schedules of all parents, the options are limited. One year we were assigned a very bad field location far away from our school, on the other side of Bethesda. The effect on our teams was disastrous: we lost players, it was discouraging and there were lots of complaints from parents. The league listened to us, and the following year we got the two proper "glorious" fields not too far from the school.

In the current system our team gets a field attributed for a practice once per week, and we have a field for an organized match once per week against another team of the league; we play in the spring and in the fall. We often organize on top of that small practices in places we hope we can squeeze in after figuring out what sport or team can tolerate having us using a small corner of the park outside of their play area at the same time as them; rarely can we reserve an actual field at the time or location we'd be able to get the kids together for an additional practice during the week. Walk-ins do not always work, and it takes times to figure out when and where there are options. We even once pushed the tolerance of our local Maplewood YMCA by bringing too many kids on their lawn. We effectively don't have enough places and times where we can practice under the current rules.

So the current situation is already challenging for little teams like ours to have good access to fields. Now I understand that on top of that, the number of available fields the league can assign would be reduced with the proposed policy. That sounds terrible. Please reconsider.

I understand where some may come from when they suggest to limit the organizations' exclusive use of fields. Some organizations can push the envelope with the way they hog a field. I get it: in addition to being the manager and coach of two little league teams, I am also the secretary of the Maplewood Citizen Association. We are currently dealing with complaints against the local football organization that has been using the Maplewood Alta Vista park's field for decades, carrying the name of our neighborhood in spite of having no other local relations (anymore). They take over the park for the the whole fall and we can't figure out how to ever use the field for softball or baseball; BCC is also unable to get that field for us in the spring for some reason I haven't figured out yet from my limited manager-coach perspective. Our school, from which we draw almost all our players is located right next to that park (Rochambeau French International School), it would be nice to practice there. But we are completely locked out by an

organization that brings only kids that don't come from the neighborhood and occupy the park in a rowdy manner to say the least. This to me sounds like an example of a situation that should be corrected.

But difficult as it may be for the neighborhood association I'm a part of to deal with the heads of that challenging football organization, I know that BCC is the kind of respectable and responsive independent organization that does not blow off complaints from members of the community around the parks; we *are* the community.

BCC is composed of many small local teams ingrained in the neighboring communities, living right around the parks, or close to where they go to school. With BCC, each team is like a distinct decentralized organization, each with its unique challenges, run by the kind of dedicated volunteers that create the glue in their communities. We often play all our games against other teams at the same parks when we're "home" or "visiting", and when I walk my kids to school I always say hi to one of the other team's coaches that waits for the school bus with his kids who go to another school. All of us, we need access to many diamonds in a flexible manner, especially for weekday practices.

It would be regretful if respectable not for profit organizations in good standing with neighbors and with Montgomery County would get the rug pulled from under them and lose access to the fields they need, risking teams like my two daughter's group of friends to disband because I can't make it work anymore with a more limited access to our local parks.

For these reasons I would urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy, to protect local access and prioritize community-based organizations like our beloved BCC Baseball and Softball league so our children can continue to play at our parks.

Thank you,
Robin Audy
Coach and Manager of Les Étoiles and Blue Jays, BCC Baseball
Secretary of the Maplewood Citizen Association
Dad of Colette, 6yo and Théa, 8 yo.

36 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: Select and Travel

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

Montgomery County is home to a few exceptional youth local/neighborhood baseball leagues. Unfortunately, it has become rare to find a league that exudes sandlot baseball and bring communities together. As an example, while the games in one local league remain the top feature of Spring and Summer nights, the interaction among players at home plate prior to and after games showcase the magic of a locally focused league -- all of the players know each other. The camaraderie and laughing that takes place can even rival the game at times. Should amendments or changes be made to the Athletic Field Use Permit Policy, a focus on community

involvement must remain paramount. Honoring long-held commitments to leagues that have been in existence for over 30 years should remain a priority over one and done tournaments.

37 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

BCC baseball has been a mainstay in the county for almost 30 years. Opening up the field to anyone and everyone will become a disaster. You will have squatters all over the county. You will have people who just use and go, treating the fields like a gym. They will do zero to maintain the fields. This will fall back on the county and in the long run end up costing more money. It is a terrible idea to open it up the way you guys are thinking about doing it. BCC has pumped in thousands of dollars into field up keep over the past 30 years. Not sure many organizations can say the same.

38 Sport: Softball

Organization:

League: Bcc

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

As written this policy would negatively impact BCC softball which my daughter has participated in for many years. BCC is volunteer and is a tremendous benefit to the Montgomery County community

39 Sport: Baseball

Organization: Bethesda Chevy Chase (BCC) Baseball

League: Bethesda Chevy Chase (BCC) Baseball

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

BCC is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization that has been in good standing with Montgomery County for decades, serves thousands of local children and families each year, and provides high-quality programming.

Much of what BCC provides is not "travel" and therefore families value that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods. The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access many teams have used for decades. This change disrupts community connections and local participation.

Under the proposed policy, BCC Baseball would be forced to limit registration and turn away players. Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available. The policy would reduce what BCC can offer and what families in Montgomery County want for their kids. It unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots.

The proposed policy allows outside organizations to reserve fields for short-term tournaments. The groups playing in these tournaments often have no ties to Montgomery County. Local teams who paid to participate in BCC Baseball could be displaced from their regular fields to make room for outside events. This undermines 30+ years of established community use and hurts local families.

I am urging the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy. Please protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball and keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

Thank you

40 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC Select

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

Please ensure that local community sports organizations are able to maintain their priority over outside organizations. Organizations such as BCC Baseball, RBBA, Montgomery County Little League and Koa are full of kids from the local area and parents /coaches / volunteers who are Montgomery County residents and taxpayers. We have had an incredible community for my 14 and 11 year old sons playing baseball and bonding with families across the county. Please let this continue by prioritizing these organizations over tournament organizers.

41 Sport: Softball, Soccer

Organization: BCC Baseball, MSI Soccer

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

Writing to support BCC Baseball, which is a long-standing local organization -- without access to local, convenient fields, BCC will likely lose players to Little League and possibly end up disappearing

42 Sport: Kids play multiple sports

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

Good morning. I have lived in and coached various sports in Montgomery County for well over a decade. I have a few thoughts and suggestions in response to your proposed updates.

My main concern is around priority access for local leagues. One of the primary benefits I have seen is that most fields are regularly used by people who live near them, reducing commuting time, which is a big benefit for everyone. Related, there are many options for fields across the county, and I am very worried that the options will be drastically reduced under these proposed policies.

I also believe that various leagues maintain the fields, and I am concerned what happens when we let outside events take precedence over local leagues, as they have little incentive to maintain and better the fields.

It is not clear why we would displace and disrupt local leagues for events that may have some, but likely not strong ties to the county. My ask is for you to reconsider these changes, particularly around prioritizing access to the fields. If these potential changes come to pass, I think you are very likely going to see decreased youth sports participation, particularly at the recreational and semi-travel levels. This is almost certainly the exact opposite outcome that you would like.

Should you wish to make changes, might I recommend that you lean into the pilot program option, where changes are tested and made gradually.

Thank you for reading!

43 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball, MCLL

League: BCC

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

The proposed policy negatively affects families in the community who pay taxes to fund these fields. The ability for youth to participate in sports at all levels is, in part, predicated on the ability of parents to be able to get their children to the practices and games. This policy would significantly limit the ability of programs to request fields close to where their players live and families work, which will negatively impact the ability of many kids to participate. In addition, organizations like BCC Baseball who have served the community for many years and have been good stewards of youth sports, will be kicked out in favor of paying tournaments that do not seek to serve the community. It is incredibly disappointing to me that the county would prioritize external tournaments and groups over the needs and opportunities for the youth in our own community.

44 Sport: Soccer & Softball

Organization: BCC and MSI

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

Please stop and reconsider this new policy. I have 2 active kids that play on multiple sports teams in BCC and MSI. The ability to practice locally and multiple days a week is critical to our family to be a proud and active member of the community. My kids are on local teams that practice on nearby fields. As a working parent, it's crucial that our practice fields are located in our community so that we are able to participate in local community teams. It would be impossible for a working parent to get 2 kids to separate practice fields potentially farther away with a more limited access to permits. This change will severely limit the use of fields for the kids in the community playing through reputable long standing community driven organizations. This would be a huge disappointment if Montgomery County passes this new policy.

45 Sport: softball, soccer

Organization: msi,bcc

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

why does montgomery county constantly drop the ball and mess things up. Im trying to find the benefit to restricting youth teams field access. This is just nonsense. Who does this benefit? This does not benefit the community.

What a joke, let the kids play!

And how about we work on the maintenance/cut schedule cause thats been tragic for years as opposed to this new permit garbage. The county should be ashamed that little kids are trying to play sports in 6" plus grass

46 Sport:

Organization:

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I have been involved with BCC Baseball for more than 30 years since I first moved to Montgomery County as a coach, (past) President and current board member. We are concerned that the new policy will significantly limit our ability to serve local residents as we have for more than 30 years. As I'm sure you are aware, BCC Baseball:

Is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization.

Has been in good standing with Montgomery County for decades.

Serves thousands of local children and families each year.

Provides high-quality programming — we are a not-for-profit that relies on volunteers

Our families value that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods.

The new policy would limit local field access for practices and games that many teams have used for decades. Our organization would likely be forced to limit registrations and turn away players which we have never had to do. The new policy appears to penalize successful community programs that have established strong local roots. Local teams who pay to participate in BCC Baseball could be displaced from their regular fields to make room for outside events in some cases sponsored by groups not based in Montgomery County.

I urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy to protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball and to keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups.

Thank you.

47 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC select

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

Bcc baseball is very important to our family and the community. We have participated for years and hope to continue with other siblings. The coaches are amazing role models and they teach sportsmanship and kindness in addition to athletic excellence. Baseball.

Please keep youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups

48 Sport: Soccer and basketball

Organization: Soccer Coach for MSI

League:

Level of play:

Group Served: Both

For Section 3B, I'd like to see priority use available to individuals and teams relative to other individuals and teams, respectively. I really like the prohibition on "ghost permitting" something that I am apparently suffering from now. All in all, policies as revised generally make sense and seem reasonable to me.

49 Sport: 2-hand touch football, softball, kickball

Organization: Silver Spring Social Sports

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Adult

If you want leagues and organizations to turn in unused field time you shouldn't charge them a fee. Our leagues don't have final team and roster counts till after your cut off dates so we don't know if we need all the hours of field usage till March 1 for March 15 starts. And August 15 for September 1 starts.

A 25% fee of the total field rental seems steep. Our permits are usually in the \$600 range so the 25% is more than the \$50 flat fee.

I don't understand the 3 weekday and 1 weekend rental per organization per field.

This sounds like our league which runs 9 weeks won't be able to permit our fields for the full season.

If we play every Saturday it sounds like we can only play one week of our season and will have to constantly be changing fields.

This is a bad experience for our league and players.

50 Sport: Soccer

Organization: World Class Premier

League: EDP

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Both

Thank you for sharing this policy with users to share feedback.

Overall, things seem to be the same practices that were in effect previously, except for two things that caught my eye which I have listed below.

First, the policy states that users should return any foreseen unused field time. However, there are legitimate cases where this isn't feasible:

- Sometimes a game is scheduled for most of the permitted block and no other team can take the remaining time, yet the total time is still within the required minimum rental period.
- Last-minute cancellations or schedule changes within the 10-day return window may lead to an empty field on the day of use, making it appear as "ghost permitting" if someone inspects.

Given these common situations, how will the county distinguish between legitimate but partially unused allocation and true ghost permitting? What procedures or safeguards do you have in place to ensure that valid scenarios won't be penalized?

Secondly, the policy now states that cancellations must be submitted in writing at least 10 business days in advance with a 25% administrative fee.

That's a sharp increase from the previous flat \$25 per cancellation. A \$25 administrative fee makes perfect sense to handle cancelling the usage, however, we don't understand the charge of 25% of the reservation fee. If you are cancelling something with a fee of \$330 for example, then 25% percent of it is \$82.50 and the price would just go up depending on the price of what you are cancelling. That seems like a steep price to pay to cancel.

Thank you for considering

51 Sport: Baseball/softball

Organization: Montgomery County Little League

League: Montgomery County Little League

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

My name is John Harding, and I am a Board Member of Montgomery County Little League (MCLL). Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Parks Department's Draft Athletic Field Use Permit Policy.

By way of background, MCLL is the only chartered Little League in Montgomery County and is run almost entirely by volunteers like myself. Our mission is to provide children with the opportunity to learn and enjoy the fundamentals of baseball and softball in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. Since receiving our charter in 2013, MCLL has grown from 740 players to over 4,100. MCLL participants must be residents of Montgomery County (once every few years, a player or two from outside the county is provided with a waiver to play MCLL from Little League International, but that is extremely rare).

This past spring alone, MCLL hosted nearly 1,300 games on Montgomery Parks' fields. Each season, we face significant challenges in securing enough safe, playable fields to meet the needs of our players.

We believe the Parks proposed policy represents a positive step toward ensuring equitable access to athletic fields for Montgomery County residents and addressing the long-standing issue of "ghost permitting." In the spirit of collaboration, MCLL respectfully submits the following suggestions for your consideration:

1. Roster Submission Requirements

MCLL has some concerns about the privacy implications and administrative burden associated with submitting full team rosters. While we are happy to provide anonymized data—such as age group, zip code, gender, and team level (all recreational)—we are hesitant to submit full names without further clarification from Parks on how that information will be stored, secured, and used. Additionally, due to the size of our league, we recommend allowing organizations to report average field usage per team by division, which would significantly reduce the administrative burden.

2. Special Event Permits for Little League Tournaments

We also have a practical concern regarding the application process for special event permits. MCLL regularly hosts state-level Little League playoff games for both baseball and softball. While referred to as a "tournament," these events are not large-scale, multi-game competitions involving dozens of teams. Instead, they typically consist of just 2–3 games per day, with each team playing only once per day.

While we understand that Parks still requires a special event permit for these "tournaments," the draft policy's December 1 application deadline for summer special events presents a challenge. Little League International does not confirm the dates for these tournaments or assign them to a specific League until well after that deadline. As currently written, the policy would prevent MCLL from applying for a special event permit for these playoffs—even if fields are available.

We respectfully suggest that the policy clarify that the December 1 deadline applies only to those seeking priority consideration during the initial scheduling process. Organizations should still be allowed to submit special event permit applications after that date, contingent on field availability.

52 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I am writing on behalf of BCC Baseball. BCC is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization. It serves thousands of local children and families each year.

I have been a part of this organization for four years, and I have been a volunteer head coach of my elementary school-aged child's team for the past three and a half years. As a working parent, having access to county fields for games and practices near where we live is very important. Due to work and family obligations I have a very limited window when I am available to coach practices and I have been fortunate that BCC has always been able to grant us our requested practice time at the field I have requested. Without this access, it is unlikely that I would be able to coach, and our team, which has been together for years, would likely fold, which would likely drive my child, who excels but is one of the few girls in the league, to pursue a different sport. Similarly, our team is composed of players from the community who would also be adversely effected by this change.

It is my understanding that this draft policy will have a detrimental impact on BCC's access to community fields and jeopardize the access that has enabled me to coach youth baseball for several years. The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access many teams have used for decades. This change disrupts community connections and local participation.

This new policy would force the organization to limit registration and turn away players. Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available. The policy would reduce what BCC can offer and what families in Montgomery County want for their kids.

As a parent and coach who has benefitted from the existing policy, I respectfully urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy to protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball.

Thank you for reading.

Sasha Lourie

53 Sport: Baseball

Organization: N/A

League: Montgomery County Little League

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

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54 Sport: baseball

Organization: Montgomery County LL

League: youth

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Roster Submission Requirements

1. MCLL has some concerns about the privacy implications and administrative burden associated with submitting full team rosters. While we are happy to provide anonymized data—such as age group, zip code, gender, and team level (all recreational)—we are hesitant to submit full names without further clarification from Parks on how that information will be stored, secured, and used. Additionally, due to the size of our league, we recommend allowing organizations to report average field usage per team by division, which would significantly reduce the administrative burden.

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We also have a practical concern regarding the application process for special event permits. MCLL regularly hosts state-level Little League playoff games for both baseball and softball. While referred to as a "tournament," these events are not large-scale, multi-game competitions involving dozens of teams. Instead, they typically consist of just 2–3 games per day, with each team playing only once per day.

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specific League until well after that deadline. As currently written, the policy would prevent MCLL from applying for a special event permit for these playoffs—even if fields are available.

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55 Sport: We offer a variety of sports

Organization: Montgomery County Recreation

League: Montgomery County Recreation

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Both

Montgomery County Recreation appreciates the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Draft Athletic Field Use Permit Policy. As a sister agency in utilizing park fields to deliver recreational programs across the County, we value Parks' commitment to creating a consistent and equitable permitting process.

That said, several areas of the draft policy present operational challenges for County programs or require clarification to ensure that Recreation can continue to effectively serve residents. Our feedback focuses on improving alignment between Parks' permitting framework and Recreation's internal program timelines, operational realities, and service obligations as a County agency.

1. County Government Priority and Partnership

As a sister agency, Montgomery County Recreation (MCR) should be recognized within the policy as a priority internal partner. MCR's year-round access to athletic fields is vital to meeting County government obligations and community expectations for public programming. The policy should clearly state and consistently apply this priority status, allowing flexibility to request additional dates when necessary to meet public demand and ensure program continuity.

2. Contractual Agreements and Transparency

Could the policy further clarify what constitutes a "contractual agreement" and how it differs from a standard permit? Additional transparency around these agreements would help ensure that all organizations, including County programs, have equitable access to fields and a shared understanding of how these arrangements are applied.

3. Alignment with Recreation Program Timelines

Several permitting dates, including Priority Use deadlines, Go-Live events, and seasonal start/end dates, do not align with Recreation's registration and scheduling processes.

Misalignment can impact our ability to plan leagues, allocate teams, and manage public registration. We recommend aligning these timelines or creating an internal exception process for County programs.

4. Rosters, Privacy, and Data Sharing

Recreation collects and manages participant data through the shared VSI system with Parks,

ensuring compliance with privacy requirements. Therefore, County programs should be exempt from additional roster submission requirements, which could raise participant privacy concerns and create unnecessary administrative burden.

5. Equitable Field Preparation and Maintenance

County programs have noted inconsistency in field lining, dragging, and general preparation—particularly for evening users following morning groups. Recreation requests either consistent preparation standards for all users or an adjustment to fees when full service cannot be provided.

6. Cancellations, Change Requests, and Fees

The proposed 25% cancellation/change fee and short adjustment deadlines could significantly impact County programs, which often must adapt schedules due to participant needs, weather, or school-based constraints. We recommend waiving or reducing fees for County programs and allowing more flexibility for internal adjustments.

7. Weather, Field Closures, and Communication

Rainoutline updates currently made at or after 3 PM are too late for after-school and evening programs that begin around 4–4:30 PM. Real-time or earlier updates would better support program safety, participant communication, and customer satisfaction. Additionally, there should be a clear process for field condition reporting after Parks' staff hours and an assurance that Recreation is not charged for unplayable conditions.

8. Pilot Programs and Alternative Use

Pilot programs or special use initiatives should not limit Recreation's access to fields or disrupt ongoing programming. Advance communication and coordination with Recreation is essential to ensure alignment with existing schedules and public commitments.

9. Conditions of Use and Enforcement

Recreation supports the intent to reduce "ghost permitting" but recommends clearer guidance on monitoring and reporting procedures. Penalties should consider legitimate last-minute team or weather-related cancellations, ensuring County programs are not unfairly penalized.

10. Overall Coordination and Communication

We encourage continued collaboration between Parks and Recreation to streamline the permitting process, improve data sharing, and jointly address customer concerns.

In summary, as a sister organization, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to our continued collaboration.

56 Sport: Soccer, Baseball & Basketball

Organization: Soccer; DCSC, PPA & Potomac; BCC; Basketball: MoCo Rec, Tru2Form, PPA

League: Soccer: DCSC, PPA, ECNL, EDP, SAM; Baseball: BCC; Basketball Moco Rec, Tru2Form House, PPA House

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

The use of MCPS School fields/courts should serve the students at the school 1st, then city, then the broader county. If leagues like BCC, Potomac, PPA or DCSC serve as the primary vehicle to provide the students with the MCPS schools athletic opportunities, then those groups should be prioritized for 7 days a week of use and not simply 3 days of use + 1 weekend. Adult groups & outside tournament use should be limited. There are not enough available fields/courts down county especially. The county should also turf all MS fields and ES fields to provide more consistent use of the fields (no rainouts). ALL MS fields should be lit similar to HS fields.

One concern I have is that limiting field use to "game only" and limiting established sports groups to 3 days of reservations only seems like an attempt to prioritize tournaments and students/players/residents outside of the county. I'm against a step in that direction. The county NEEDS to focus on improving current fields to provide YEAR ROUND USE (Turf & Lights) as well as add fields (especially down county - BCC/Westland/Westbrook/Chevy Chase). There simply aren't enough fields

57 Sport: baseball

Organization: BCC

League: Select

Level of play: Recreational; Travel; Both

Group Served: Youth

I am very concerned about the potential change to the field use permit policy. It is critical to protect local access for longstanding community-based programs like BCC baseball. Changing the access to local fields will negatively affect local families and children. It will negatively impact how many children are able to play local sports, and we know how beneficial participation in sports is to children, particularly in a world where sports compete with screens. We need children to experience the joy and positive character-building aspects of local, neighborhood programs and this proposed change in field policy puts this in jeopardy. Please keep local sports accessible for families and community-based organizations who have the best interests of children and their communities in mind. Please serve the county and community, not outside organizations. Please reconsider or revised the proposed field use permit policy. Thank you.

58 Sport: Softball

Organization: Montgomery County Little League

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

My name is Kara Kerwin, and I am a Softball Commissioner for Montgomery County Little League (MCLL). Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Parks Department's Draft Athletic Field Use Permit Policy.

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59 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I write to urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy to protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. The proposed policy could have a dramatic impact on the community because it risks disenfranchising families who value that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods and disrupts community connections and local participation. The new policy unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots and stellar reputation on favor of outside organizations who are only it for short-term tournaments, not in the best interest in building community. These groups playing in these tournaments often have no ties to Montgomery County and it makes no sense to favor this type of play over league play of BCC Baseball. This undermines 30+ years of established community use and hurts local families.

60 Sport: Baseball

Organization: Bethesda Chevy Chase Baseball

League: Recreational 9U

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Athletic Field Use Permit Policy Draft. My son, his friends, and the wider Bethesda Chase Chase (BCC) Baseball community have enjoyed regularly scheduled practices and games at our Montgomery County parks baseball fields under the current policy. By limiting reservations, the proposed policy will reduce the number of players that this longstanding community organization can serve. I request that the draft policy be reconsidered or amended to preserve local organizations' access to these fields so they can continue serving all the youth in our community who would like to participate in local sports.

61 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC

League: Softball 6-8

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

We've been part of the bcc league for 10 years. The new proposal will take away local fields. Bcc has been in great standings for all of these years. The change disrupts our local community. Bcc will not have enough fields for their participants. Very disappointing. Please consider revising proposal. Thank you

62 Sport: Baseball

Organization:

League: BCC Baseball and Montgomery County Little League (MCLL)

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

We support BCC baseball and MCLL baseball which have been a big part of our two kids life growing up and currently. Having access to these neighborhood fields for the kids to practice baseball as part of their teams has been essential to our participation in these leagues. We want to ensure that these changes don't upset this access to baseball fields. Both youth baseball organizations are a large part of the community and these fields are for the community. Thanks!

63 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: National League (Kindergarten & 1st grade)

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

We are concerned that this policy could drastically limit where we play BCC baseball games and run practices. Currently our practice field and game field are a short 5 minute drive from our house. BCC baseball has served thousands of local youth and families over the decades. We urge Montgomery County to continue allowing local access to fields for BCC baseball.

64 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

As a Montgomery County resident and supporter of BCC Baseball, I'm deeply concerned about the proposed Athletic Field Use Permit Policy and the impact it will have on our community's youth sports.

BCC Baseball has been a cornerstone of local life for decades — a volunteer-driven, non-profit

organization that serves thousands of Montgomery County children and families each year. It provides a safe, community-based environment for kids to learn teamwork, build friendships, and stay active.

The proposed policy would drastically reduce field access for long-standing local programs like BCC Baseball. Losing hours at key neighborhood fields would disrupt practices, limit participation, and force teams to play farther from home — undermining the very community connections these programs have built over generations.

Equally troubling, the policy would allow outside organizations with no local ties to displace our youth teams in favor of short-term tournaments. This would unfairly penalize successful, community-rooted programs and the families who depend on them.

I strongly urge the County to reconsider or revise this policy to:

- Protect local priority and field access for established Montgomery County organizations like BCC Baseball.
- Keep youth sports accessible and community-centered.
- Prevent displacement by non-local, for-profit tournament groups.

Our fields are for our kids and our community. Please preserve local access and keep Montgomery County's youth sports where they belong — close to home.

65 Sport: Softball, lacrosse

Organization: BCC, Bethesda lacrosse

League: BCC, Bethesda lacrosse

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I strongly oppose the proposed Athletic Field Use Permit Policy as written. BCC Baseball is a long-standing, community-based program that serves thousands of Montgomery County families. This policy would reduce local field access, displace neighborhood teams, and limit opportunities for kids to play close to home. Please revise the policy to prioritize community organizations like BCC Baseball that have supported Montgomery County youth for decades.

66 Sport: Baseball soccer basketball softball futsal

Organization: BCC MSI

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

“No use of stakes, pop up tents, or chairs on these fields.” is ridiculously unfair to grandparents and other fans. When the weather is oppressively hot and there is no wind, we should be able to use tents that do not stake into the ground in order to prevent heat strokes. If there are no bleachers available with a clear view of the field, we should be able to use chairs.

Isn't the change from 7 days to 4 a bit dramatic? Perhaps it can be decreased to 5 days rather than 7? I don't want travel team tournaments trumping our local play. The greatest thing about MoCo sports is the abundance of people and talent that prevents the need for a travel team (versus a Select or Classic of local great talent).

67 Sport: Baseball

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth; Adult

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68 Sport: Baseball, Softball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Baseball Select, BCC Softball Rec

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

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69 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

My family has been part of BCC baseball for 8 years. My children have enjoyed the access to local fields to play with their friends, and BCC baseball has been a great partner for my children to have a sports outlet. The county needs to preserve community-based programs like BCC baseball. Please protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball.

70 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

My daughter and her friends are only able to play of softball on fields near our home. They are so grateful to be able to use the Meadowbrook, Lynnbrook, Rosemary Hills, and Norwood Park fields. Having to go further afield would make it significantly harder for parents to get their kids to practices after work, and would increase area traffic.

71 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

We need the field open for small kids to practice and play their preferred sport. The more kid playing sports are less kids in trouble, obesity, vaping, less screen time and the county will spend less on programs to take out kids from trouble.

72 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

I strongly oppose this plan which takes away field opportunities for long standing community organizations like BCC who desperately need space. Thank you.

73 Sport: Softball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League:

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

BCC Baseball's Role & Reputation

Longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization.
In good standing with Montgomery County for decades.
Serves thousands of local children and families each year.
Provides high-quality programming — not-for-profit that relies on volunteers

Community Impact

Families value that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods.
The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access many teams have used for decades.
This change disrupts community connections and local participation.

Consequences of the New Policy

BCC Baseball would be forced to limit registration and turn away players.
Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available.
The policy would reduce what BCC can offer and what families in Montgomery County want for their kids.
It unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots.

On behalf of my team, I urge the County to reconsider or revise the proposed policy.
Protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball.

74 Sport: Baseball

Organization:

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

This is a terribly short-sighted policy that puts outsiders with deep pockets over the local, taxpaying communities.

PUBLIC parks and fields should be available to the local public, without fear that their practices will be overtaken by travel ball tournaments - often from organizers outside the county - that usually include only the most well-to-do families.

In short, the proposed idea to give contractual agreements priority over long-standing local community organizations like BCC and Montgomery County Little League (MCLL).

The proposed policy would take away local access to practice fields that many teams have used for decades, leaving some Montgomery County neighborhoods out in the cold, because they'll have to cede practice fields to outside groups with deeper pockets.

I URGE the county to reconsider this policy, and at the very least, to revise the proposal to ensure priority access to fields for local Montgomery County groups like BCC and MCLL which are comprised of local taxpayers.

In short, please protect local access and priority use for long-standing Montgomery County community groups and keep sports accessible for everyone.

Otherwise, Montgomery County will become just another Trump-like jurisdiction where money talks and all the local residents have to take a walk, only they won't even be able to use their local parks to do so.

75 Sport: Baseball and softball

Organization: BCC Baseball/Softball

League: BCC Baseball/Softball

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

On behalf of my family and other families for whom BCC Baseball is a mainstay of our child's experience.

Please reconsider or revise the proposed policy. Protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations like BCC Baseball. BCC Baseball plays a huge role in our community and has a stellar reputation. Many children and families have benefited from being able to play at many levels for neighborhood teams. BCC Baseball is a longstanding, community-based, independent youth baseball and softball organization. It has been in good standing with Montgomery County for decades and serves thousands of local children and families each year. BCC provides high-quality programming as a not-for-profit that relies on volunteers. My children's volunteer coaches have had huge, positive impacts on each of my children.

It has been essential for our family and others that practices and games are held close to home in their neighborhoods.

The new proposed Athletic Field Use Policy would take away local field access many teams have used for decades.

This change disrupts community connections and local participation.

The negative consequences of the new policy would be felt at the family and neighborhood level.

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Some neighborhoods would be told they cannot form teams because there won't be enough fields available. The policy would reduce what BCC can offer and what families in Montgomery County want for their kids. The proposed new policy unfairly penalizes successful community programs that have built strong local roots.

Thank you for reconsidering and revising the proposed policy.

Sincerely,
Emily Young
mother of proud BCC Baseball and Softball players

76 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC

League: BCC

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I write in respectful opposition to the proposed Athletic Field Use Permit Policy as written. BCC Baseball is a long-standing, community-based program that serves thousands of Montgomery County families. The new policy would reduce field access, making the organization less able to maintain its quality offering. It would likely displace teams and limit opportunities for kids to play close to home. Please revise the policy to prioritize community organizations like BCC Baseball that have supported Montgomery County youth for decades.

77 Sport: Softball

Organization:

League: BCC

Level of play: Recreational

Group Served: Youth

Would suggest that MCPS public school- affiliated leagues be considered priority users

78 Sport: Baseball

Organization:

League:

Level of play: Both

Group Served: Youth

I strongly oppose the proposed Athletic Field Use Permit Policy as written. Programs like BCC Baseball are a long-standing, community-based program that serves thousands of Montgomery County families. This policy would reduce local field access, displace neighborhood teams, and limit opportunities for kids to play close to home. Please revise the policy to prioritize community organizations like BCC Baseball that have supported Montgomery County youth for decades.

79 Sport: Baseball

Organization: BCC Baseball

League: BCC Baseball

Level of play: Travel

Group Served: Youth

Please reconsider the proposed policy. This proposal fails to protect local access and priority use for long-standing community-based organizations and compromises the community fabric.

Let's keep our youth sports accessible, local, and community-driven — not displaced by outside tournament organizers and individual user groups. One-off, for profit use fails to serve our community and cripple our non-profit Organization's ability to serve the public.



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Dear Montgomery County Parks,

I am writing on behalf of Bethesda Lacrosse to provide feedback about the proposed new park field permitting process. Thank you for sharing the proposed plan and for offering the opportunity to submit our thoughts.

As background, Bethesda Lacrosse is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1989 to provide an opportunity for youth lacrosse players (pre-k through 8th grade) to learn and play lacrosse. We have approximately 3000 players registered annually in our boys and girls programs so are incredibly grateful for the ability to use Montgomery County fields — we rely heavily on them for our practices, games and clinics.

In looking at the proposed policy, we do have a couple of comments/concerns/questions – please see below:

Priority Use Hours Release Process

As written, the policy states that if any priority use hours are returned, they will be removed from the organization's priority use hours. **Although we know this has been part of the past policy, we would ask that the County amend this rule so unused time can be turned back in for use by other entities/individuals for that season, but the following year the historic user would be given priority again, at least for another year.** If the returned field is not used again the following year, the historic status could then be removed. Reason for this request: Our needs (and we assume those of other similar large

organizations) fluctuate seasonally/annually a bit based on the number of players in each age group, the number of teams, practice demands, the access to school and other fields for games/practices, etc. We certainly understand/appreciate the County's desire to ensure unused time is returned for use by others, but losing the historic access/priority use based on one season of not needing a specific field has HUGE and long-lasting negative implications. The loss of fields could be crippling for us, especially since it's *extremely* difficult to get consistent access to a field (same time each week for the season) during the "Go Live" event. (Note: We know this is a separate topic but even if there were more field inventory available for the GO LIVE event, the technology used for the Active Montgomery reservation system makes locking in fields for consistent days/times seemingly impossible.) All that said, we strongly ask you to reconsider this part of the policy so it will enhance access to fields by all, while simultaneously preserving use by large historic organizations whose very existence depends on that access.

Overlay Fields

The policy as written suggests that baseball/softball get priority for overlay fields in the spring, while field sports (lacrosse/soccer) get priority in the fall. **We would like to make sure our historic permits on overlay fields will be respected/kept in place and this new policy would *only* impact new permits on other overlay fields.** Reason for this request/question: Our program depends heavily on our existing permits and specifically with respect to overlay fields, our Boys Rec program, for example, relies significantly on Burning Tree Local Park (an overlay field) for games in both the spring and fall. It would be devastating to our program to have that access limited to either spring or fall.

Again, thank you so much for your consideration and for the use of the fields. We know it's a giant task to please all users and to accommodate various needs, so thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Vicki Langerman/Bethesda Lacrosse

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From: Huggins, Melanie <melanie.huggins@montgomeryparks.org>
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Good evening,

Please see the feedback below from MCBL

Thanks!

Melanie Huggins

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Subject: RE: Baseball Fields

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Melanie,

Greetings. Hope all is well with you.

I'm going to provide just a few comments on the draft "Athletic Use Permit Policy" document. I attempted to do so via the survey, but never received a verification code.

1. The document is well organized.
2. It's a bit unclear to me (unless I'm not reading it carefully enough) as to:
 - a). What are the requirements to be considered a "priority use" organization?
 - b). What is the process (and timelines) for becoming a priority use organization?
3. I suggest that a single master calendar of key events/actions be added as an addendum. For example, what date will be the "Go Live" event? Show February 1st at the final date to return unneeded permits. Show December 15th as the due date for roster submissions. etc.

Having key dates in one location will permit for easier reference (as opposed to wading thru a document in hopes of finding the information.

That's all we have to share.. Thanks for the opportunity.

Roy Snyder

Deputy Commissioner

Maryland Collegiate Baseball League