

Decatur County Parks and Recreation

Synthetic Turf Rules & Regulations

To ensure the longevity and safety of our synthetic turf fields, please adhere to the following rules:

Prohibited Items & Activities

- ⊘ No metal cleats.
- ⊘ No beverages other than water (including sports drinks, soda, coffee, etc.).
- ⊘ No glass or metal beverage containers.
- ⊘ No food, sunflower seeds, nuts, or gum.
- ⊘ No smoking, chewing tobacco, or any tobacco products.
- ⊘ No dogs or other pets.
- ⊘ No tent stakes, pitching rubbers, or any items that may pierce the turf.
- ⊘ No sharp objects that could damage the surface.
- ⊘ No golf practice.
- ⊘ No pyrotechnics or fireworks.
- ⊘ No grilling or open flames.
- ⊘ No bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades.
- ⊘ No unauthorized vehicles on the turf.
- ⊘ No field marking of any kind unless approved by the board or Parks Department.

Game & Field Use Guidelines

- Only players, coaches, and league officials are allowed on the turf during gameplay.
- Fastpitch pitching must be done from provided pitching mats placed in designated sleeves by the Parks Department or a softball board member.
- When moving bases or mats, always use the plugs provided to cover open sleeves.
- Batting mats must remain in place during practice to protect the turf. They will be removed for games.
- Batting mats and softball Pitching Mats should be stored in the home dugouts after use. If baseball removes a mat, it must be placed in the home dugout and plugs must be inserted in the turf.
- Pitching mounds should never be dragged. Always use adequate help to lift and move them. Contact Scott or Sean for assistance if needed.

Facility & Maintenance

- Dugout gates are electronically locked. Do not tamper with the locks. If issues arise, notify the board president or Parks Department. Gates will unlock for recreational use and remain open until 30 minutes after the final game or practice.
- Each field has a container filled with rubber and sand infill. Players should not tamper with these or dispose of trash inside them.
- Report any damage, tears, or inconsistencies in the turf to a board member immediately.
- Players must avoid any activity that could damage the turf. Report any negligent behavior to the board.
- Always close gates after use.

Failure to follow these rules may result in loss of field privileges.

We are excited for the upcoming season and look forward to many years of great play on this field. Your cooperation in maintaining its quality is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Decatur County Parks and Recreation