

ATHLETIC FACILITY ALLOCATION POLICY

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City of Santa Fe Springs Field Allocation Policy

1) INTRODUCTION

The City of Santa Fe Springs (City) Community Services Department. Parks and Recreation Division coordinates and allocates athletic fields/space and sports facilities to organizations and the general public for athletic, cultural, social, recreational activities and programs. The City will work to ensure fair and equitable allocation of space.

While the demand often exceeds field and/or facility availability, the City will make every effort to allocate fields and facilities in a manner that provides the greatest access to Santa Fe Springs residents. All organizations requesting field or facility use must abide by the rules outlined in these policies to maximize field and facility space.

2) GOALS

The goals of these policies are to establish a fair and equitable process for allocating the City's athletic fields and facilities and to ensure Santa Fe Springs residents and community-based organizations have priority access to the City's athletic fields and facilities. The City wants to encourage the use of its athletic fields and facilities to support sports activities, and promote health and wellness for all participants.

3) PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations and processes to ensure fair and equitable distribution of athletic fields/space and facilities; to coordinate multiple field/facility spaces; to assure preservation of athletic fields and facilities; to prevent uses that are unsafe, unlawful, or impermissible; and to assure financial accountability for damage caused by field or facility use.

4) **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For the purpose of this policy, below are the definitions or terms that are used within this policy:

- A. Adult: A person age 18 or older.
- B. Adult Group: An organization serving participants ages 18 and over with a minimum of ten (10) participants.
- C. Application: A formal request for the use of an athletic field or facility. An application that is submitted does not guarantee the use of a field.
- D. City: The City of Santa Fe Springs.
- E. Facility: Indoor athletic space.
- F. Field or Space: Can be used interchangeably.
- G. Non-profit: A group or team not making or existing to make a profit and such a group or team must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a non-profit organization in good standing. A letter of good standing must be current and on file with the City at all times.
- H. Organized group: A group or team that is defined by a team name, a team uniform, a manager, a coach(es), runs drills during practice, and/or keeps score when playing a game.

- I. Recognized Group: Recognized Groups have formal agreements with the City and are in partnership with aforementioned non-profit organizations. These organizations exist with an "Everyone Plays" philosophy where registration is open and non-exclusive to any youth in the community and the City.
- J. Reservation or Permit: This can be used interchangeably and is the permission given to a person, company, or organization to use a field(s).
- K. Resident: A person living within the City of Santa Fe Springs (and those unincorporated zip codes that the Planning Department had determined to be resident status).
 - i. Business Resident: A person who works in the City and can provide written proof (business card or paycheck stub with the company name and Santa Fe Springs address), a business owner in Santa Fe Springs, and whose name is on the business license.
 - ii. School Resident: A school resident is defined as a student who attends a school within the City Limits (boundary), but resides in a City that is not Santa Fe Springs.
- L. Resident Team: An organization or team comprised of not less than 60% residents.
- M. Resident Percentage Status (RPS): RPS is calculated by dividing the total number of Santa Fe Springs Resident Participants by the total number of participants in the qualifying organization. For example: Organization A has a total of 700 participants, with 500 of those Santa Fe Springs Resident Participants. Therefore, RPS equals 500/700, or 71.4%.
- N. Rest and Renovation: The portion of the year when the athletic fields are closed for maintenance.
- O. Roster: A list of members of a team or organization, listing the player's name, address, phone number, and school (if applicable for school residents). If a player is a school resident, a report card or school ID may be required.
- P. Sub-leasing, or Assignment: The transfer of rights held by one party (the applicant) to a third party.
- Q. User: Any person, company, or organization that requests the use of a field(s)/space/facility
- R. Vendor: A person, group, team, or organization selling, distributing information, marketing, soliciting future sales, fundraising, or providing giveaways.
- S. Youth: A person age 17 or younger.
- T. Youth Group: An organization serving participants ages 17 and under with a minimum of ten (10) participants.

5) ATHLETIC FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Facility/Park	Address
Activity Center	11155 Charlesworth Road
Lakeview Park	10225 Jersey Avenue
Lake Center Athletic Park	11641 Florence Avenue
Little Lake Park	10900 Pioneer Boulevard
Los Nietos Park	11143 Charlesworth Road
Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields	9720 Pioneer Boulevard
Santa Fe Springs Park	10068 Cedardale Drive

^{*}You must contact the City of Norwalk for all Monday-Thursday Little Lake Park reservations.

Facility/Park	Usage Type	Field/Court	Level
Activity Center	Basketball/Racquetball/	Basketball Full Court (1)	2
	Volleyball	Racquetball Courts (2)	
		Volleyball Court (1)	
Lakeview Park	Soccer/Football	LVP Open Field	2
Lake Center Athletic Park	Soccer/Football	East Field*	2
Lake Center Athletic Park	Soccer/Football	South Field	2
Lake Center Athletic Park	Soccer/Football	North Field	2
Lake Center Athletic Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 1*	1
	60', 65'		
Lake Center Athletic Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 2*	1
	60', 65'		
Lake Center Athletic Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 3*	2
	90'		
Little Lake Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 1*	2
Little Lake Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 2*	2
Little Lake Park	Baseball/Softball	Field 3	2
Little Lake Park	Baseball/Softball**	Field 4	2
Little Lake Park	Soccer/Football	Open Field	2
Los Nietos Park	Baseball/Softball**	LNP Field East*	2
	60', 65', 70'		
Los Nietos Park	Baseball/Softball**	LNP Field West*	2
	60', 65', 70'		
Los Nietos Park	Soccer/Football	LNP Open Field*	2
Santa Fe Springs Park	Soccer/Football	SFSP Open Field	2
Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields	Baseball/Softball**	Jersey Field 1*	1
	60', 65'		
Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields	Baseball/Softball**	Jersey Field 2*	1
	60', 65'		
Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields	Soccer/Football	Jersey Field East*	2
Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields	Soccer/Football	Jersey Field West*	2

^{*}indicates fields with lights

** All softball/baseball reservations include bases.

Level1: Youth Field/Facility

Level 2: Youth and Adult Field/Facility

6) CONCESSION STANDS/SNACK BARS

- A. Snack bars located at the athletic fields are not available to user groups.
- B. Permission from the City is required to sell food or merchandise at any City field/facility.
- C. A Health Department certificate to cook or serve food at the reservation site is required and must be on file at the Town Center Hall before selling/serving food. Selling pre-packaged food items

requires permission from the City and approval from the LA County Health Department. For a full listing of LA County Health Department requirements, please visit http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh.

- D. The City will not be involved if the Health Department decides to close the site due to non-compliance.
- E. All equipment brought onto the location must be removed at the end of the day.
- F. All trash and debris must be picked up and disposed of in the trash bin. The area must be cleaned.
- G. If using a griddle/grill, cardboard or like-item must be placed under the entire griddle/grill to catch any oil/grease drippings.
- H. Hot coals must be disposed of properly.

7) GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following classification groups are provided for the sole purpose of determining priority in field/facility allocation and applicable fees.

CLASSIFICATIONS AND ALLOCATION PRIORITY

- A. Activities or programs conducted and/or sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Santa Fe Springs.
- B. Recognized Groups
 - i. Metropolitan Little League (priority per agreement with the City). Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Saints Football & Cheer (priority per agreement with the City).
- C. Schools located within the City of Santa Fe Springs boundaries
- D. Resident Youth Non-Profit Groups (60% residency)
- E. Non-Profit Resident Adult Groups (60% residency)
- F. Business Resident Groups (60% residency)
- G. Youth Resident Groups (60% residency)
- H. Adult Resident Groups (60% residency)
- I. Youth Non-Resident, Non-Profit Group
- J. Youth Non-Resident Groups
- K. Adult Non-Resident, Non-Profit Group
- L. Adult Non-Resident Groups
- M. All Other Groups

Determination of eligibility of a team, group, or organization may be directed to the Manager of Parks and Recreation, or designee.

8) GENERAL PROCEDURES

Applications & Reservations

A. Organized groups wishing to make a reservation must complete an Athletic Field or Facility Application for using an athletic field/facility and shall be issued only to responsible adults (over age 21) with the authority to represent the organization or team and who will be present at the athletic field throughout the activity.

- B. All matters concerning the reservation will be handled by the applicant only and a staff member from the Community Services Department.
- C. All applicants must possess a valid California Driver's license or California Identification Card.
 - Current users must provide updated contact information such as personal phone number and email anytime there is a change made. This is how the city will communicate with the user.
- D. Athletic field applications can be submitted via an online platform as follows:

Reservation Period	Application Submittal Start	Application Submittal Deadline
May, June, July	February 1	February 15
August, Sept, Oct	May 1	May 15
November, December, Jan	August 1	August 15
February, March, April	December 1	December 15

- i. The team roster must be submitted along with the application request. The deposit, processing fee, and insurance certificate are needed once the reservation request has been approved.
- ii. Applications received after the submittal deadline for the Reservation Period, will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- E. Athletic field/facility reservations may not be allowed on the following holidays and city special event days (subject to change):

City observed holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Easter Sunday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day

City conducted special events:

- President's Day Penny Carnival
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Weekend of Art Fest

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- The Day After Thanksgiving
- Independence Day Celebration (July 3rd)
- Fiesta Patrias (September)
- Halloween Carnival
- Tree Lighting Ceremony
- F. In the event the rental policies outlined in the field application are not adhered to, the City maintains the right to amend/revoke permission for the use of any field(s) at any time and deny future use of any City facility for as long as deemed necessary.
- G. Soccer and Football games and practices are not allowed on softball/baseball infields.
- H. Groups/organizations hosting tournament play or other highly attended events may be required to rent portable restroom facilities to accommodate the increased number of participants and guests. In such cases, the organization will be responsible for the delivery, maintenance, cleaning, and removal of portable restrooms. The placement/location of the portable restroom is at the discretion of the City.

9) FIELD PREPARATIONS

- A. All Athletic fields will close for maintenance from November through mid-March. The dates for maintenance may vary at the discretion of the City.
- B. Lining/chalking of field(s) needs to be completed during reservation time. If additional time is needed to chalk/line field(s), it can be purchased at an additional rate. Chalking/lining of the field cannot be done the day before your reservation. **Painting of the fields is not allowed.**
- C. No posters, banners, and/or fliers may be fastened to any part of the building without prior permission. Approval is required by the Division's Supervisor before hanging or displaying banners/posters.
- D. Any equipment brought into the premises must be removed by the permit group at the end of the day. All debris/trash MUST be picked up from the facility including parking lots, facility curbsides, and residential curbsides, and placed inside trash cans or removed from premises.
- E. No permanent structure of equipment shall be placed and/or erected on any City field/facility.

10) PAYMENTS/FEES

- A. Fees for use of all athletic fields/facilities are listed on the City's Fee Schedule, which is approved by the City Council. The City Council may review and adjust fees at their discretion.
- B. DEPOSITS/REFUNDS
 - i. Deposits and processing fees are due once the reservation request has been approved. These fees can be paid in person at the Town Center Hall (11740 E. Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, 90670, online through the group/organization's account, or by calling the Town Center Hall (562) 863-4896.
 - ii. Deposits are refundable, however, a deposit will be withheld by the City if any policy has not been met by the applicant, and/or their guests. If all requirements have been followed, the deposit will be refunded via mail and can take 4 6 weeks, after the event to be received. If paying by a credit card, deposits will be refunded back to the card on file within 7 business days after the event. The refund can also be credited to your account to be used for a future reservation.
 - iii. If the deposit is withheld due to a schedule adjustment, cancellation, or no-show, a new deposit may be required.
- C. Fees can be paid in person in cash, credit card/debit card, or check at Town Center Hall (11740 E. Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, 90670), online through the group/organization's account, or by calling the Town Center Hall (562) 863-4896.
- D. Field/facility rental fees are due two (2) weeks before the reservation date. If a reservation is recurring every month, fees are due two (2) weeks before the start of the month. If reserving multiple dates, a payment plan will be arranged. If fees are not paid as required, the reservation will be canceled and the deposit and processing fee, if paid, will be withheld.

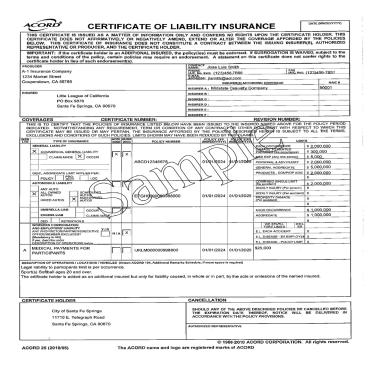
E. CANCELATIONS, SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS, NO-SHOWS

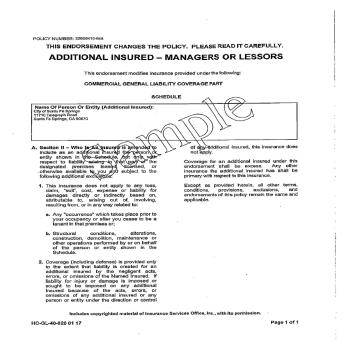
i. A Cancellation is defined as when a permit is issues for the field and the user group contacts the CITY informing them that the permit for a day is no longer needed. A \$50.00

- per field/per day non-refundable fee will be charged for any cancellation. Cancellations must be made no less than seventy-two (72) hours in advance.
- ii. A Schedule Adjustment is defined as when a permit is issued, and the user group is requesting longer or shorter hours of duration. Schedule adjustments must be made no less than five (5) business days in advance.
- iii. A No-Show for Permit is defined as when a permit is issued and the user group fails to show, organized games/practices are not held on the said field, and the user group fails to notify the CITY a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours in advance. After the 3rd no-show, and any no-show thereafter, the user group will be charged a penalty of \$10 per field per day, to be billed monthly after the month and within 30 days.
- iv. The user group must submit a Facility Use Application for Athletic Fields to the Parks and Recreation Services Division, no less than two (2) weeks before the first date requested. Dates and times are subject to availability. Once the dates are determined, a permit will be issued.

11) INSURANCE

- A. The user must provide a certificate of liability insurance for \$2,000,000.
- B. The certificate must include the City of Santa Fe Springs as an additional insured.
- C. The address for the City is: 11710 E. Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 and must be included on the certificate.
- D. An Endorsement Letter must accompany the insurance certificate and must include the City's address and the address of the fields/facilities being reserved.
- E. This certificate needs to be on file at Town Center Hall, at least, two (2) weeks prior to the first reservation date.





12) SUBLEASING OR ASSIGNMENT OF FIELDS/FACILITY

- A. Users shall not transfer, assign, exchange, or sublet the use of the reserved field/facility.
- B. Not adhering to this policy, the user will forfeit the remaining reservation dates, the City will withhold all fees already paid including deposit and processing, and will lose the privilege of reserving any future dates at any City facility.

13) STATE LAWS

- A. VOLUNTERS In accordance with California State Law (Chapter 2.7. Community Youth Athletic Programs [18900-18900] organizations shall ensure that all volunteers in contact with minors have been screened and have passed a criminal background check.
- B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT Senate Bills 602 and 303 require food handlers to have a California Food Handler Card. For specific requirements for concession stands, please go to Section 6 (Concession Stands/Snack Bars)

14) CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. It is the commitment of the City of Santa Fe Springs to ensure that all park facilities, including athletic fields, are free from negative, aggressive, and inappropriate behavior. We are dedicated to creating an environment that consistently delivers high-quality programs, services, and facilities.
- B. Users are required to complete the reservation process and make payments by the established procedures. Failure to comply with payment deadlines may result in the cancellation of the reservation.
- C. Santa Fe Springs' parks and facilities are non-smoking facilities. This includes, but is not limited to smoking tobacco in any form (flavored or unflavored), cigarettes, cigars, water pipe/bong, marijuana, vaping, hookah, or similar type items.
- D. The applicant is responsible for the supervision and behavior of the organization's guest/spectators, coaching staff, and/or contract individuals such as umpires or vendors.
- E. The Community Services Department reserves the right to remove participants, spectators, coaches, vendors, or officials from park facilities for inappropriate behavior.
- F. The following are considered inappropriate behavior:
 - i. Destruction of facility materials, equipment, supplies, and grounds.
 - ii. Conduct of language that disturbs other participants.
 - iii. Infraction of facility policies regarding loitering, sales, or solicitation.
 - iv. Possession, sale, or use of controlled substances.
 - v. Vandalism or littering in City facilities or on the grounds.
 - vi. Violation of any federal, state, or City laws and ordinances.
 - vii. Any malicious behavior a reasonable person would find unprofessional, disturbing, and/or harmful to their physical and mental health.

- G. Vehicles are not allowed to park on the grass or park property other than in a designated parking space in the parking lot. Parking in a staff space or red zone is subject to ticketing.
- H. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES; INCLUDING THE PARKING LOT! If a team, individual, or spectator violates this policy, the organization may have further use of the field/facility suspended and may be denied future use of any City facility. This includes any individual coming onto the premises already intoxicated or under the influence.
- I. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in penalties, including fines, suspension of rental privileges, or legal action. By utilizing the rented fields, users acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of this Code of Conduct.

15) INCLEMENT WEATHER/FIELD CLOSURE

- A. The City reserves the right to cancel or suspend field use permits when conditions could result in injury to players or cause damage to fields or facilities, including but not limited to rainfall, storms, or other adverse weather conditions.
- B. In the event of inclement weather, the City will assess the safety of the field conditions to determine their suitability for play.
- C. User groups may request a refund, credit, or reschedule when the fields are not playable. Rescheduling will be based on the availability of athletic fields/facilities. If there is an outstanding balance on the account, fees will be adjusted accordingly.
- D. Applicants are encouraged to contact Town Center Hall at (562) 863-4896 for field status updates after 2:00 p.m. on weekdays when the weather is inclement. For weekend reservations check the City's website at www.santafesprings.org/sports. A City employee will also contact your user group if fields are closed for any reason.

16) WAIVER, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

The City reserves the right to cancel or suspend field use permits when conditions could result in WAIVER, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

I, the undersigned, as the participant and the participant's parent or legal guardian if the participant is under 18 years old, fully understand that my participation in the City of Santa Fe Springs Recreation activity (hereinafter "event/class") exposes the participant to the risk of personal injury, death, communicable diseases, illnesses, viruses, or property damage. I hereby acknowledge that the participant is voluntarily participating in this event/class and agrees to assume any such risks.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree not to sue the City, its officials, officers, employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers for any injury, death, or damage to or loss of personal property arising out of, or in connection with, participation in the event/class from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of the City, its officials, officers, employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers, or any other participants in the event/class. The parties to this Agreement understand that this document is not intended to release any party from any act or omission of "gross negligence," as that term is used in applicable case law and/or statutory provision.

In consideration for the participant being permitted to participate in the event/class, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, that I shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officials, officers, employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers from all claims, demands actions or suits arising out of or in connection with participation in the event/class.

17) PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RELEASE

I hereby grant the City of Santa Fe Springs and its representatives' permission to use and/or publish photographic pictures or video in which I or, the individual(s) named herein, may be included for promotion or other City purposes. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the City of Santa Fe Springs and its representatives from any liability, including but not limited to, claims for libel or invasion of privacy. I, the undersigned, as the participant and the participant's parent or legal guardian if the participant is under 18 years old, fully understand that my participation in the City of Santa Fe Springs Recreation activity (hereinafter "event/class/program") exposes the participant to the risk of personal injury, death, communicable diseases, illnesses, viruses, or property damage. I hereby acknowledge that the participant is voluntarily participating in this event/class and agrees to assume any such risks.

18) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS SPORTS FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE, AND PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT IT IS A FULL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND SIGN IT ON MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature:	Date: