

HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Permits Services

SUBJECT: Revisions and Updates Impacting Sports Fields Permit Services

Attention Permit Holders:

Please note, fields must be utilized and permitted for the specific sport designated.

- **Rectangle Field Sports** (Soccer, Football, Lacrosse)
- **Diamond Field Sports** (Baseball, Softball, Kickball)
- If fields are designated for youth, adults are not allowed to permit

Exception: Adult kickball is allowed on most softball fields.

Competitive Level - (*limited hours for field use*) Fields may only be utilized for League Play or Tournament Play.

- Please refer to the Sports Field Permit Policy for permitting guidelines.
NOTE: No sport, other than baseball is allowed on baseball fields.
- Fields are maintained two or more times per week.

Recreational Level - (*limited hours for field use*) Fields may be utilized for Practice, Leagues and/or Tournament Play.

- No sport, other than baseball is allowed on baseball fields.

If permission was granted previously by means of a permit, this process is no longer permissible to play adult kickball or adult softball on a baseball field, beginning January 1, 2017

- Fields are maintained weekly

Practice Level – Fields may be utilized for Practice, Leagues and/or Tournaments.

- Fields are mowed on a scheduled twenty-one day cycle.

Permitting:

If founded that permit requests are made for a specific sport, but is utilized for a different sport, the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD)

reserves the right to cancel the permit and refunds will only be issued based on the Park Rules and Regulation's fourteen-day advance notification.

- HPARD reserves the right to cancel permits for fields not used according to established guidelines and permitted times.
- Houston Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to revoke fields if founded that groups/organizations reserve fields and do not utilize them in accordance to their permit.

Permits are not transferable.

General Rules:

- No person shall park a vehicle in the parks, except in the areas designated for such purpose.
- Department sponsored, co-sponsored and/or scheduled programs, activities and events shall have priority usage over building and facility rentals.
- All litter generated by your group, including spectators, is to be picked up and disposed of in the proper containers immediately following the event. Glass containers are strictly prohibited.
- It is a violation of this policy to play under conditions that should be evident would cause damage to the field, e.g., wet grounds.
- City of Houston sponsored or co-sponsored events shall have priority usage for facility rentals.

Important Numbers:

Parks Permitting Office: 832-394-8804 or 832-394-8805
Parks Dispatch: 832-395-7100