

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. Saws, Shovels and Other Tools – No person shall carry or use hand saws, chain saws, axes, shovels, drills, wheelbarrows, or other tools which may cause damage to or aid in the removal of park property without the express written permission of the Park Authority.
2. Playgrounds – Patrons must use age-appropriate playground equipment.
3. Deposit trash in trash receptacles.
4. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on park grounds or in Park Authority buildings without a pre-approved permit in accordance with Virginia state law.
5. In the interest of preservation and patron safety, only with the express written permission can patrons abandon or place personal objects on Park Authority property.
6. Organized athletic activities must be played on designated athletic fields only.

ATHLETIC FIELD RULES

1. Hitting, throwing or kicking balls into fences is not allowed.
2. Golfing, pets or motorized vehicles are not allowed on fields.
3. Play on fields is prohibited during wet or inclement weather.
4. Field maintenance is prohibited without prior approval from the FCPA.
5. Deposit trash in trash receptacles.
6. Climbing on the fences, backstops and goals is not allowed.
7. Competitive recreation – golf, baseball, softball, basketball, football, lacrosse, hockey, tennis and other active competitive sports -- is allowed only on the Park Authority's designated athletic facilities during regular park operating hours.
8. The scheduling of organized sport groups and the issuance of permits to those groups shall be in accord with guidelines provided by the Park Authority and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Permit holders shall have first rights for the use of the fields to which they have been assigned. A field not being utilized by a permit holder may be used by others, including the "walk-on" public.
9. Field closings for maintenance, safety or other reasons deemed appropriate for the management and protection of property shall be at the discretion of the Park Authority.
10. Use periods of Park Authority fields shall be limited as follows:
 - Level 1 Fields: The second Saturday in April to the first Sunday in November.
 - Level 2 and 3 Fields: The last Saturday in March to the third Sunday in November.
 - The single-season sport of football is not subject to the closing dates.
11. For patron safety, only players, coaches, umpires and referees are allowed on athletic fields. All spectators, pets and others are to remain at least 15 feet from the boundary of the field, or outside a perimeter fence.

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complete rules available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkrules/rulesfinal.pdf>