

Like so many of you, Lakeville's Parks and Recreation staff has been waiting for some clarity on exactly what is and is not allowed according to the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 20-56 which includes Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation, Facilities and Public Guidelines related to organized groups and teams in our park system. As of today, we believe we have an understanding. As of June 1, organized play can resume on the City of Lakeville park fields (this does not include school district fields) as per the following guidelines and parameters:

Guidelines/Parameters:

1. All Athletic Field Users shall become familiar with the [Governors Emergency Executive Order 20-56](#) which includes Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) [COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation, Facilities and Public Guidelines](#) related to organized groups and teams in our park system. **More importantly**, users shall abide by the Minnesota Department of Health – [Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth Sports](#) which addresses items such as pods, maximum number of 10 people per pod, ratios for participants per field, etc.
2. Fields have been reserved through the Athletic Associations so each association shall coordinate usage of fields they have reserved for their respective teams.
3. Do not install or leave any accessory equipment on park fields at this time.
4. Groups are restricted from entering any park buildings.
5. Dugouts, benches, picnic tables, and bleachers should be avoided as surfaces are not sanitized regularly.
6. All park and field users are encouraged to wear masks.

General park conditions:

- Baseball and softball fields will not be dragged as often as previous years.
- Baseball, softball and athletic decks will not be painted on a regular basis at this time. Associations can submit a request to Parks Supervisor Brandon Oppelt at boppelt@lakevillemn.gov for individual painting of certain fields as needed.
- Park Maintenance will maintain athletic fields on weekdays and is operating in a reduced capacity for budget purposes during 2020.
- Park building restrooms are not available. Portable toilets will be placed at the facilities that have park building restrooms along with portable restrooms placed in some neighborhood parks.
- Drinking fountains are not available. Bring your own water and do not share from the same container.
- Pick up any trash and drink containers and take it with you when you leave the park for the safety of others and our park maintenance staff.

In the near future, we will be sending out an Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement to the permit holders for execution prior to utilizing the fields.

We realize these field use restrictions are challenging to players, coaches, administrators and visitors. Your continued patience and partnership are appreciated. If the status changes on any guidelines, we will be in contact to provide an update. We are all in this together.

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe!
Lakeville Parks & Recreation Department