

USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS

It is the intent of this regulation to support the public use of school athletic fields and at the same time protect the public's investment in these facilities.

Athletic fields will be made available to Londonderry athletic and recreational organizations in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Londonderry School District fields are primarily to be used for student athletes, athletic teams and other school sponsored events, followed by the use of town recreational activities. Exhibition games (semi-pro, college, etc.) will be considered to be permitted only after all interscholastic and town recreational needs have been met including the condition of the field.
2. Only Londonderry athletic organizations which are approved by the Town will be permitted to play on the fields subject to the approval of the Londonderry School District. Written application for use of fields is to follow the procedure set forth in regulation KG-R. A list of Recreation Commission groups will be maintained by the Business Office and will be attached to regulation KG-R and updated as necessary.
3. District fields will be divided into four categories:
 - A = Interscholastic Game Fields
 - B = Interscholastic Multi-Use Game Fields
 - C = Multi-Use Game Fields
 - D = General Use Fields

Specific fields assigned to each category will be identified in regulation KG-R. Use of each category of field will be set by the number of activities on the field per season as specified in regulation KG-R.

4. Spring use of all fields will be allocated based on weather and field conditions. The Fields Maintenance Supervisor will monitor field conditions and report to the Business Office and Athletic Office routinely. Order of priority will be varsity; sub-varsity; middle school teams; recreational teams. Recreational groups should plan on use of fields May 1st or later. If conditions permit, recreational groups may be allowed on school fields earlier.

All fields will be closed after Thanksgiving Day unless a waiver has been approved by the School District.

The Fields Maintenance Supervisor will advise the School District and Recreation Director as to field conditions for scheduled practices; games and tournaments.

The Londonderry School District reserves the right to cancel the use of the fields by community groups, if in fact, school sports schedules, school sponsored activities, weather conditions, or maintenance activities make the field inappropriate or unavailable for use. No games or practices will be permitted on any category of field by any group (school or non-school) when field conditions do not permit or field conditions become unsafe for play (i.e. standing water and rain). When field conditions are poor, the School District may ask that scheduled games be moved to another field(s).

5. Non-school groups must provide proof of liability insurance [\$1,000,000] and hold the town and school district harmless in case of accident in order to receive approval to use school district fields.
6. Any violation of approved use or use without approval will result in loss of field use privileges. Organizations are responsible for the actions and decisions of its coaching staff and board.
7. All guests must follow School District rules for events on school property as posted. Dogs are not allowed in the general area of during school sponsored events, exception is granted for “working dogs”.
8. Failure to follow the rules and regulations of this regulation [KG-R] may result in immediate removal from school property and / or forfeiture of future usage of facilities.
9. The Athletic Director will maintain a record of field usage for each season and communicate with the Business Administrator to determine if alternate arrangements are necessary. The Music Director will provide a listing of events scheduled on school fields to Athletic Director and Business Administrator.
10. All scheduled camps must follow recreational rules and residency requirements (85% Londonderry resident).

The Londonderry School District will from time to time review the needs of the School District Athletic Department and Town Recreation Department to determine the usage of school fields, taking into consideration the conditions and wear and tear on the fields. This regulation covers the use of the fields by all student athletics and athletic teams as well as the Marching Band. The School District recognizes that different sports can have a great disparity on impacting the conditions of fields.

Category A fields are intended for varsity games only.

Category B fields are intended for varsity and sub varsity games with limited practices and other activities when field conditions permit it.

Category C fields are intended for general use but may be required to fill the need of varsity and/or sub-varsity games.

Category D fields are intended for all uses.

Category A - Interscholastic Game Fields

1. Varsity Softball field
2. Varsity Baseball Field
3. Varsity Lacrosse Field
4. Varsity Soccer Field
5. Varsity Football Field

Category B - Interscholastic Multi Use Game fields

1. J.V. & Frosh baseball field
2. M.T. Game Field
3. Middle School Game Field
4. HS Track Field

Category C – Multi Use Game Field

1. North School
2. MT softball field
3. Panther Park

Category D - All other fields

1. South School upper & lower fields
2. HS PE field
3. Middle School multi-purpose field
4. Moose Hill field
5. HS practice fields
6. MS PE field

The following chart provides guidelines on the number of activities permitted per field and whether practices are permitted. The total number of activities includes school and community activities. School playoffs are in addition to the activities listed below. One game is considered one activity.

Exceptions to the usage chart due to weather and field conditions may be granted. Also; fields that are scheduled for heavy usage during a single season, may be taken out of service or scheduled only light activities for the opposite season.

Category	Season	# of activities	Practice Policy	Usage Goal
A	Fall	85	Varsity pre-game only	75
A	Spring	35	Varsity pre-game only	30
B	Fall	110	Only school activities *	100
B	Spring	40	Only school activities	35
C	Fall	120	No restrictions	
C	Spring	100	No restrictions	
D	Fall	unlimited	No restrictions	
D	Spring	unlimited	No restrictions	

Fall season is Aug. 1 to Thanksgiving
Spring season April 1 to June 20
Summer season July 1 to August 14

The district realizes the reliance on the school facilities for recreational sports in developing the level of permitted activities. In order to protect the community investment in the fields, usage will be reduced as town facilities become available.

Restrictions

The district from time to time will remove fields from usage during the year for maintenance or to allow the field to rest during a growing season. The removal of a field from service will be balanced with the community needs and their investment in the fields.

Field Allocation Process

The Londonderry School District shall work with the Town Recreation Commission to allocate the field space. The district shall review the athletic schedules and other activities and determine remaining activity slots. The remaining activity slots will be given to the Recreation Commission for allocation at the field meetings.

Town Recreation Sanction

The Town shall review and sanction applicants for use of school fields in accordance with their procedures. The Recreation Commission will provide the school district with a list of approved organizations.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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