

Like so many of you, Lakeville's Parks & 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



Insurance Requirement

If you have not already provided a Certificate of Insurance, please do so.

A reminder that if your permitted field use includes fields on school property to also list that school district as an additional insured.

When reserving Lakeville Parks and Recreation facilities for athletic tournaments, league play, organized play not associated with a league and/or approved special events, applicants will be required to provide proof of general liability insurance coverage at a minimum amount of \$2,000,000 for property damage and bodily injury naming the City of Lakeville as an additional insured on the policy. School field reservations must name the City of Lakeville and ISD #194 as additional insured.

The applicant will also be required to sign a Facility Usage Release and Indemnification Agreement.



Lakeville Fields, Park Shelter/Building Rentals – Summer 2020

City of Lakeville Parks and Recreation Department Facility Usage Release and Indemnification Agreement:

As lawful consideration for being permitted to use a park or recreational facility belonging to the City of Lakeville, I acknowledge, understand, and agree on behalf of myself and my organization, group, or business:

1. Use of the facility includes the risk of serious bodily injury or death including, but not limited to, possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), influenza, and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my use of the facility;and
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for use of the facility as regards to protection against infectious diseases, including but not limited to any applicable Governor's Executive Orders and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines related to the activity, including the Outdoor Recreational Guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/covid-19-outdoor-recreation-guidelines.html>. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, and my organization or group HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the City of Lakeville, and its officials, officer's, agents, volunteers and employees ("Released Parties"), from liability for injuries or damages, including any losses caused by the negligence or strict liabilities of the Released Parties. I further agree on behalf of myself and my organization or group to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, or rights of action directly or indirectly arising from the use of these facilities. This agreement is specifically binding upon my spouse, heirs and assigns, and on the spouses, heirs or assigns of any member, employee, or participant of my organization of business. This agreement to release and indemnify the City does not apply in the event of the City's gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. I warrant that I am authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of my organization, group or business. Further, I agree and acknowledge, on behalf of myself or my organization, group, or business and as a condition to use of the park or recreational facility as follows: I am responsible for reimbursing the City for any loss or damage to the park or recreational facility occasioned by, or in connection with the use of the City Property. Use of the park or recreational facility is subject to the conditions, rules, regulations and policies set forth by the City of Lakeville for such use and I have been given a copy of such conditions, rules, regulations or policies and agree to comply with the foregoing. I am responsible for clean-up of the park and facilities following use, including the pick-up and proper disposal of all trash, litter or other debris left on the park or recreational facilities following use.

Permit Holder Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Organization: _____