

# Holliston Parks and Recreation Field Regulations

The Holliston Park Commission will schedule fields based on the following priority:

1. Holliston High School: All high school games and practices
2. Holliston Youth Organizations
3. Holliston Adult Organizations
4. All other groups

All youth groups must submit the number of participants in their program each season so they can be properly billed. This list must be submitted by the third week of the season.

## Important Dates

Field request forms must be submitted to the Park Commission one month prior to dates requested.

Youth organizations must submit season requests for fields by the dates below for coordination of all groups.

**Spring:** February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Summer:** May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fall:** August 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Any requests submitted after these dates may not receive all fields requested.

Failure to pay the field bill by designated due date, may result in loss of use for the following season.

If groups do not comply with all field regulations, the Park Commission reserves the right to suspend field use for the rest of the season or future use.

The Park Commission reserves the right to add, change and or make exceptions to these policies and field rules.

## Field and Park Regulations

1. Dogs and other pets shall be prohibited from being on the grounds of any park, playground, ball field or beach.
2. Smoking is prohibited on Town property in accordance with regulations set by the Holliston Board of Health and the Holliston Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulation Complete Ban in Public Places.
3. Holliston Fields have a "Carry-In, Carry-Out" Trash policy.
4. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on town property as stated in town by-law, article XVIII.
5. All parks and fields without lights close at dusk.
6. No fires of any kind are allowed at any parks, playgrounds, ball fields, or beaches, except barbecue fires in the designated grill locations.
7. Groups, leagues, companies, and individuals requesting to use a field or facility for organized sports, activities, social, and other events must submit a request form to the Parks & Recreation Department for approval.
8. Public Address systems, sound systems and their usage must be approved by the Park Commission.
9. Holliston High School sports have the right to finish their games before the next group uses the field.
10. Games take precedence over practices.
11. Please be considerate to neighbors at all parks.
12. Respect fields and rights of others.
13. No hitting hard baseballs or softballs into fences or backstops on any field.
14. Weights holding down goals must contain potting soil not sand.
15. Groups must use fields that they are assigned. Do not just hop onto an open field.
16. All equipment must be moved to the side of all fields each night.
17. Infields-**Only the use of brooms and rakes are allowed to help clean off fields.** On infields please sweep water only onto rest of infield. Not onto any grass area. No machinery will be allowed onto the fields for clean-up without permission of the Park Commission.
18. No unauthorized vehicles shall be allowed to enter upon recreational grounds of any park, playground, ball field or beach.
19. No unauthorized parking, park in designated and legal parking spaces.
20. No practicing in goal areas.
21. Please do not damage the fields or the equipment on the fields (backstops, benches, irrigation heads, etc.).
22. All Field lines will be painted by the Holliston Parks & Recreation Department, unless special permission has been granted to a group.
23. Camping or sleeping in a park, playground, ball field or beach is prohibited after dusk. Except by permit obtained through the Parks & Recreation Department.
24. No Signs will be posted at any field without permission of the Park Commission

The Park Commission reserves the right to amend Field & Park rules at any time.

## Specific Field Regulations

### Goodwill Park

- a. No organized activities before 11 am on Sundays.
- b. Limited street parking is available on Green Street; additional parking is available behind the Fire Station on Exchange Street. Please do not block neighbors' driveways.

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- a. Restricted use. For use of lights, applicant must go to the School Committee for permission.

### Stoddard Park

- a. No organized activities before 10 am on Sundays.
- b. Users should not park on, or drop their children off on Cabot Rd. for practices or games.
- c. No usage beyond the white painted line by Cabot Rd.

### Playgrounds

Field permits insure that other large groups will not be scheduled at the same time, but do not allow groups to exclude families from using playgrounds.

### Bathrooms

Stoddard and Goodwill bathrooms are available for use. A fee to open, close and clean them will be assessed, \$35 per day or \$100 per week. Bathrooms are available in April 15th when fields are open and close October 24th.

### Weather

Based on conditions, fields will be open in the spring by the Park Commission. The Parks and Recreation Department will notify all organizations when fields are open. The Park Commission determines if fields are playable in inclement weather. Fields cannot be used when there is standing water.

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