

Shepherd Hill Regional High School

Athletics

Guidelines for Use of Shepherd Hill Athletic Facilities for Youth and Outside Organizations

We at Shepherd Hill are happy to share our athletic facilities with the youth groups of our communities as well as other outside organizations who take the proper steps to obtain authorization from the superintendent through the district office based on availability.

It is our position that the primary function of our facilities is to serve the athletes and teams of Shepherd Hill and then other Dudley-Charlton Regional schools. In some cases it may be necessary due to postponements and rescheduling for one of our teams to use the facilities and displace an outside organization. This, however, would be rare and when other reasonable options are unavailable.

- Only facilities specified on the Facilities Rental Contract should be used.
- The field should be left in the same condition as when the outside organization arrived.
 - Trash, replace tarps, benches, bases, goals, etc. (when applicable)

Natural Grass

- Fields should not be used when weather/field conditions are such that they may be unsafe or unnecessary damage to the fields is likely.
- In the spring, the fields don't drain well. Youth groups should not take the field until they have sufficiently drained. In some cases this will be later in the season than when the high school teams take the field.
- Rules of thumb:
 - If there is standing water don't use the fields.
 - If there has been a significant amount of rain, ground is saturated, and standing water is likely, don't use the fields.
 - If a contest/practice has started and rain begins it is not necessary to leave the fields unless they become unsafe or unnecessary damage to the fields is likely.

Synthetic Turf & Track

We are very fortunate that the school department, towns, and sponsors have provided us with a beautiful state of the art facility. We would like to keep it in top condition for many years. This will take combined efforts of all who use it. Organizations who reserve the fields will be required to maintain the following standards with regards to your coaches, players, parents, and spectators.

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- | <u>Acceptable</u> | <u>Unacceptable</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sneakers, plastic or rubber cleats, track spikes 1/8”• Crossing the track on the provided rubber runways with cleats
• Water
• Coaches, players, officials inside the fenced in playing area.• Parents/spectators in the bleachers or outside the fenced in playing area
• Keep gates closed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metal cleats/spikes, track spikes longer than 1/8”• Walking on track with cleats
• Sports drinks, soda, coffee, food, seeds
• Spectators inside the fenced in playing area
• Motorized vehicles• Bicycles, scooters, skate boards, roller skates, inline skates• Dogs/pets• Tobacco products |