

# Outdoor Athletic Facilities Reservation Guidelines and Information

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## **Distribution of Responsibility**

The City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department manages the scheduling and maintenance for all athletic facilities to ensure equitable distribution, achieve maximum sustainable use, and maintain a safe, high-quality environment.

Management of any event or tournament is the responsibility of the Renter and may not be sanctioned by or affiliated with the City of Georgetown or the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department in any way. For any facility or field rental, events, and tournaments, Renters assume all responsibility for any attendees.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department does not assume responsibility for any equipment provided by the Renter, participants, or others. Please collect your belongings each day after play has ended.

## It is the responsibility of the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department to share this information with each Renter.

All users are responsible for following any posted site-specific rules and regulations as well as the policies and procedures set forth in this document. Failure to comply with Department policies and/or damage to facilities may result in the cancellation of any current reservations as well as loss of any future consideration for use.

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department promises to administer these policies and procedures in an equitable and fair manner. Please treat staff courteously.

#### **Contact Us!**

fieldrental@georgetown.org

Ashley Allen, Recreation Supervisor | 512-930-3594

#### Georgetown Recreation Center Business Hours | 512-930-3596

Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday noon – 6 p.m.

#### After-Hour Concerns

For any issues at an athletic facility after hours, please contact the on-call Parks Attendant. The Parks Attendant will be able to assist with any onsite situations (locked gates, bathroom upkeep, equipment malfunction, trash pickup, etc.)

On-Call Parks Attendant 512-215-1889

## Rental Process (how to rent a field/court)

- Georgetown Parks and Recreation programs have priority use over all facilities. Rentals to the public are available around department program times. Renter is not guaranteed all dates/times requested.
- > Request deadlines are firm:

RENTER CATEGORIES	CONTRACT DATES	REQUEST TIMELINE
Tournaments (One or Multi-Day Events)	Each tournament will have a separate contract and deposit.	Requests are accepted up to a year (12 months) in advance.
Resident Schools	Fall/Winter Season:	Fall/Winter Season:
(School Address is within Georgetown City Limits)	August -January	Requests are accepted on the second Monday in February
	Spring/Summer Season:	Spring/Summer Season:
	February-July	Requests are accepted on the second Monday in August
Nonresident Schools	Fall/Winter Season:	Fall/Winter Season:
(School Address is outside Georgetown City Limits)	August -January	Requests are accepted on the second Monday in April
	Spring/Summer Season:	Spring/Summer Season:
	February-July	Requests are accepted on second Monday in October
General	Fall/Winter Season:	Fall/Winter Season:
(Individuals, families, organizations, athletic	August -January	Requests are accepted on the second Monday of June.
teams/clubs, etc.)	Spring/Summer Season:	Spring/Summer Season:
	February-July	Requests are accepted on second Monday in December.

- **Step 1:** Read/review this entire document. Acknowledgement of guidelines and process is required to request field/ facility use with the City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department.
- Step 2: Check out the <u>availability calendar</u> and refer to field maintenance day and seasonal closures.
- Step 3: Submit a Rental Request online: parks.georgetown.org/outdoor-fields-and-athletic-facilities/
  - Prior approved rentals do not guarantee future approval of the same or additional requests.
- **Step 4:** If approved, a *Rental Contract* showing scheduled facilities and their intended use, approved dates, fees, and payment due dates will be emailed to the person who submitted the request.
  - The Renter is responsible for reviewing the contract and confirming with a digital signature.
- Step 5: To finalize contract and secure dates, the renter must pay-in-full two weeks prior to the first date on the contract. Approved *requests within 2 weeks* of the date of the booking must be paid-in-full immediately. No American Express cards.
  - Payments can be made by calling the Georgetown Recreation Center 512-930-3596 and providing your facility contract number located at the top of the contract. In-person or mailed to the Georgetown Recreation Center located at 1003 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown TX, 78628. Checks must be made payable to The City of Georgetown.

#### Reservation requests are not final until all steps are completed.

## **Scheduling and Closures Guidelines**

- Rentals can be made between 5 a.m.-10 p.m. in conjunction with city park hours. All other times may be subject to additional fees. Lights may only be scheduled until 11:59 p.m.
- All fields are designated for sport-specific use only except for the Multipurpose fields. Multipurpose fields can be used for various sports. Specific field marking or painted lines requests are subject to additional fees.

#### > Each field is designated a day for maintenance and is closed to rentals.

#### Maintenance Days:

McMaster Multipurpose Field - Mondays McMaster Soccer A & B Fields - Mondays McMaster Softball Fields – Fridays San Gabriel Baseball Field - Fridays San Gabriel Multipurpose Field – Thursdays VFW Softball Fields - Fridays

- > All fields have Seasonal Closures for maintenance and sustainability. In addition to the following dates, fields may be closed to rentals for various Departmental holidays or park permitted events.
  - Soccer and Multipurpose fields:

Summer closure: July 1 - August 15 Winter closure: November 1 - December 31

• Softball Fields and Baseball fields

McMaster Softball fields are not available on Thursday's evening during PARD Adult League seasons. VFW Softball fields are not available during GYGSA seasons. Winter Maintenance: December 15 – January 31

- The Renter requesting the reservation must be in good financial standing with the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department.
  - Field preparation and lighting services will not be activated with an outstanding balance.
  - It is the responsibility of the Renter to provide the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department with accurate and truthful information.
- Once rental requests are approved and fields are reserved, scheduled times cannot be subleased to other individuals or organizations.

## **During Rental- Guidelines and Responsibility Agreement**

- All maintenance or repair of athletic facilities shall be performed by Department staff only. Renters shall not make any modifications to Georgetown athletic fields or facilities. Any requests for changes or accommodations should be made directly to the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Renter shall be responsible for expenses incurred by Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department in correcting, cleaning, repairing, or replacing any facility or property which was damaged by the Renter's actions, or the actions of anyone participating in or attending the event.
- Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department-owned equipment (bases, pitching rubbers, soccer goals, goal posts, bleachers, nets, etc.) are not to be removed from or relocated to any athletic fields without expressed permission from the Department.
- The Renter must always be present at each reservation carrying a copy of the contract and/or receipt for the rental to avoid any conflicts.
- Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department **athletics teams** are not permitted to use athletic facilities unless pre-scheduled and approved by the Athletics staff.

#### Prohibited Items and Activity

- Glass containers are not permitted at any athletic facility at McMaster Complex, San Gabriel Park or VFW Park.
- The use of all forms of tobacco (smoking, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.) is not permitted at any athletic facility. Vaping / electronic cigarettes are not permitted.
- > Animals (dogs, pets, horses, etc.) are not allowed at any athletic facility or complex.
- > Fireworks, inflatables, waterslides and confetti are not permitted at any athletic facility.
- > Alcoholic beverages, including unopened containers, are not permitted on playing fields, dugout areas, and during gameplay.
- No participant, renter or attendee shall intentionally throw, hit or kick balls into or over the fences, backstops or buildings.
- > Do not practice in goal mouth areas.

#### Waste Management

- Renters are responsible for making sure their litter and garbage is properly disposed of in the provided trash cans.
- Georgetown Parks and Recreation staff are responsible for emptying trash cans at all parks and facilities. If heavy traffic during a rental has caused trash cans to fill more frequently than expected, please contact Georgetown Parks and Recreation so we can empty them.
- > Forfeiture of field time or additional fees may result from fields being left in unsatisfactory condition.

#### **Athletic Field Lights**

- > Lights are scheduled based on the reservation request.
- Lights must be scheduled no less than 30 minutes prior to sunset. Example: A reservation from 5-7 p.m. where the sun is predicted to set at 6:15 p.m. the renter is responsible for the light activation fees starting at 5:45 p.m.
- Lights may only be scheduled during the field reservation. Lights may not start before or extend outside the field rental time. Additional field and light time may be added in 15-minute increments.
- > Payment for lights must be processed 24 hours before intended use for automatic activation.

#### Parking

- Vehicles improperly or illegally parked may be ticketed or towed by the Georgetown Police Department.
- > All clients and visitors park at their own risk. Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles.
- Do not park in the grass along College Street, San Gabriel Masonic Lodge parking lots, and VFW Hall parking lot. Alternative parking can be found at the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Administration office building.
- Vehicles are not allowed on Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department athletic fields or adjacent pathways.
- RV parking (overnight or daytime) is prohibited at McMaster Athletic Complex, Parks Administration Building, along College Street, San Gabriel Masonic Lodge parking lots, and VFW Hall parking lot.

#### Concessions

Sale of concessions is not permitted at any Athletic Facility without a concessions contract with the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department. Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department must approve all vendors.

#### **Electronic Scoreboards**

- Electronic scoreboards are available for use at McMaster Athletic Complex and VFW Park. Request for use of scoreboard must be made through the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department at least two weeks in advance.
- Any Renter using the controllers will be directly responsible if they are lost, stolen or damaged in any way.

#### **Closures, Cancellations and Refunds**

**Renter Cancellation:** Rentals must be cancelled at least two (2) weeks prior to reservation date to receive a full refund. Rentals cancelled within two (2) weeks of the reservation date will be charged a 20% administrative fee.

**Field Closures:** The Parks and Recreation Department may close certain facilities due to weather conditions, safety issues, repairs or maintenance. If a facility is closed, no activities may take place at that field/facility. It is the rents responsibility to obtain field closure information. Closure information is updated online at teamsideline.com/georgetown around 4 p.m. A full refund will be given for department closures.

**Inclement Weather:** If inclement weather occurs during a rental and the renter is unable to use their full rental time the renter must contact the department by email (fieldrental@georgetown.org) or by phone (512-930-3594) by the end of the following business day to be eligible for a refund of unused time. Renters should specify the time effected by inclement weather. Renters should call off lights by call the Recreation Center at 512-930-3596 during operational house. Activated lights will not be refunded.

**Refunds:** Refunds will be processed either in the form of original payment (e.g. credit card) or as an account credit. A check in the mail is available upon request. Checks may take up to two weeks to arrive.

**Department Cancellation:** The City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to modify or cancel any reservations at any time for any reason.

## **Outdoor Athletic Facilities**

#### MCMASTER ATHLETIC COMPLEX

101 W.L. Walden Drive

The McMaster Athletic Complex has four softball fields with covered seating, two soccer fields, four sand volleyball courts, and a multipurpose field that can be used for football, soccer, and lacrosse. All fields/courts are available for rent. Other complex amenities include a concession stand, restrooms, playground, horseshoe and washer pits, pickleball courts, and a large parking lot.

The fields are illuminated with tournament-quality lighting installed by MUSCO Lighting Inc. Lights are not included in rental rates but are available for an additional fee.

AMENITIES	Softball Field 1 & 2	Softball Field 3 & 4	Sand Volleyball	Multipurpose Field	Soccer Field A & B
Fence	300' long   8' high	315' long   8' high	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foul Pole	20' Yellow foul pole	20' Yellow foul pole	N/A	N/A	N/A
Warning Track	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spectator Seating	Yes   Covered	Yes   Covered	No   Open	Yes   Open	Yes   Covered
Electric Access	No	No	No	Yes	No
Water Access	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Garbage Removal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FEES	Softball Field 1 & 2	Softball Field 3 & 4	Sand Volleyball	Multipurpose Field	Soccer Field A & B
Hourly Rate (2-hour minimum)	\$20/hour/field	\$20/hour/field	\$20/hour/court	\$25/hour	\$25/hour/field
Lights	\$20/hour	\$20/hour	No	\$20/hour	\$20/hour
Field Prep	\$60/field	\$60/field	\$60/court	\$60/field	\$60/field
Onsite Staffing	\$50/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour

#### **VFW PARK**

401 E. 2nd Street

The VFW Park includes three youth softball fields, batting cages and a playground. Other amenities include a concession stand, restrooms and adequate parking. Availability is limited.

The fields are illuminated with tournament-quality lighting installed by MUSCO Lighting Inc. Lights are not included in rental rates but are available for an additional fee.

AMENITIES	VFW Softball Complex (3 fields)	FEES	VFW Softball Complex
Fence	200' long   6' high	Hourly Rate (2-hour minimum)	\$20/hour/ field
Foul Pole	20' yellow foul pole	Lights	\$20 per hour
Warning Track	No	Field Prep	\$60/prep/field
Spectator Seating	Yes   Covered	Labor (2-man crew)	\$50/hour
Electric Access	Yes		
Water Access	Yes		
Garbage Removal	Yes		

#### SAN GABRIEL PARK

Between Austin Avenue and Morrow Street

The 180-acre San Gabriel Park is the largest in Georgetown, with playgrounds, picnic tables and pavilions, trails and disc golf. San Gabriel Park also includes fields for soccer, football, lacrosse and baseball, as well sand volleyball courts and a basketball court. None of the fields offer spectator seating.

AMENITIES	SG Baseball Field	SG Youth Soccer Fields 1 & 2
Fence	400'	45/70 yards
Foul Pole	Yes	N/A
Warning Track	No	N/A
Field Prep Available	Yes	Yes
Concession Stand, Electric Access, and Water Access	Yes	No
Restrooms, Garbage and Waste	Yes	Yes
FEES	Baseball Field	Youth Soccer Fields
FEES Hourly Rate (2-hour minimum)		Youth Soccer Fields \$20/hour/field
Hourly Rate	Field	
Hourly Rate (2-hour minimum)	Field \$35/hour	\$20/hour/field
Hourly Rate (2-hour minimum) 8 Hour Per Day Rental	Field \$35/hour \$240	\$20/hour/field \$160