
POLICY NAME: Preliminary Operations & Use Fee Policy for Luke Jensen Sports Park

POLICY NO.: 2011-04

DEPARTMENT DIVISION: Parks Administration

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1.0 PREAMBLE

Luke Jensen Sports Park is located on Northeast 78th Street, about a quarter mile west of St. Johns Road. It was constructed in 2011-12 as part of the Greater Clark Parks District (GCPD) to meet the needs of the county's youth sports programs. This facility features two natural grass Little League baseball/softball fields with dugouts and bullpens, two small synthetic turf multipurpose fields for tee ball and "pee wee" soccer, a large lighted synthetic turf multipurpose field with scoreboards, dugouts, bullpens and batting cages that can be used for a variety of organized sports, a combined restroom/concessions building, a small playground and a neighborhood park with wooded walking trails.

Clark County and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation implemented this policy to help promote use and enjoyment of the facility by as many people as possible, while ensuring that fields will be available when needed for organized sports and can be kept in good operating condition. It is anticipated that the policy and fees be revisited after the first year and adjusted as necessary. It is also anticipated this policy will be used as the model for other county sports facilities.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of Clark County and the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department to:

- 2.1 Levy reasonable fees on fields reserved by organized sports groups/teams;
 - 2.2 Allow unorganized drop-in use at no charge when the fields are not already reserved;
 - 2.3 Consider sports groups' ability to pay;
 - 2.4 Seek professional management of the concession facility;
 - 2.5 Allow sports groups to participate in private fundraising consistent with facility cost recovery goals and operations;
 - 2.6 Give scheduling priority to games over practices;
 - 2.7 Define a "primary user" of the site as an organization where the majority of participants live within the park's service area;
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- 2.8 Provide rental rate discounts to groups that make significant contributions to the facility;
- 2.9 Give primary users scheduling priority during their primary season of play; and
- 2.10 Give field scheduling priority to sports groups and teams based in Clark County.

3.0 FIELD SCHEDULING PRIORITIES

3.1 The five sports fields that comprise Luke Jensen Sports Park will be scheduled using the following priorities:

Priority Level 1: Clark County youth sports groups and teams

- 1. Salmon Creek Little League and Westside Soccer during their respective seasons
- 2. Other Clark County youth sports groups

Priority Level 2: Clark County adult sports groups and teams

Priority Level 3: Youth and adult sports groups and teams from outside Clark County

3.2 The fields will be available for free, unscheduled public use between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. five days a week as well as 10 percent of the time during peak usage (3 p.m.-10 p.m. weekdays; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends).

4.0 FIELD USE FEES

Field use fees provide needed funds for future repair and replacement of the synthetic turf fields, support operations and maintenance beyond the base level of funding provided by the GCPD levy, allow reservations on specific days/times and encourages responsible use and encourage better management of scheduled time by users.

	Priority Level 1		Priority Level 2		Priority Level 3		Tournaments Per Day
	Clark County Youth Hourly	w/Lights	Clark County Adult Hourly	w/Lights	Other Youth & Adult Hourly	w/Lights	
Field 1: Large synthetic turf	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 750.00
Field 2: Natural turf (north)	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 750.00
Field 3: Natural turf (south)	\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00		\$ 45.00		\$ 750.00
Fields 4 & 5: Small synthetic turf	\$ 15.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 35.00		\$ 750.00
Daily Maintenance & Prep	\$ 20.00		\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00		\$ 55.00

- END OF POLICY -

