

SCOTT TOWNSHIP BALL PARK

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



MISSION

We will strive to maintain a standard of excellence; one that surpasses average recreational ball leagues in its dedication to be an exceptional educational and athletic organization.

We will remain focused on developing youth in our community through structured, fun, and enriching recreational and competitive baseball and softball programs.

We will commit, first and foremost, to teaching life lessons and a love of the game to each player, adding value and reinforcing confidence both on and off the ball field.

We will support our parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers with the training and resources needed to deliver a consistent, exceptional experience to players regardless of ability or performance.

We will uphold all core values and behavior policies outlined in this handbook to lead through example and ensure players are encouraged to reach their full potential as upstanding citizens.

We will dedicate ourselves to improving the ball park grounds through proper maintenance, care, and upkeep in addition to facilitating park projects for facility upgrades, field renovations, and other updates.

SAFETY

In the case of serious or life threatening medical emergencies, first aid is the treatment given to the victim while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical systems. Basic first aid kits will be available in the Coach's Closet for use during practices or games at the Coach's discretion. When the need for emergency medical treatment arises, maintain the following:

- Avoid excitement. Stay CALM.

- If the emergency is life-threatening (the victim is not breathing, bleeding uncontrollably, experiencing shock) take action immediately. Stop all game play.
- Never move a badly injured person, unless remaining there endangers lives.
- Activate the EMS (Emergency Medical Systems) immediately. Call 911.

Each coach should have an established, proactive safety plan. Coaches are responsible for the health and well being of their players, officials and spectators while in play and off the field at Scott Township Ball Park. Please take this responsibility seriously and take any proactive action you deem necessary to avoid potential injury or harm to a player or other person present.

Always carry emergency contact information and player medical release forms. It should be the coach's goal to have at least one other adult present at all team practices and gatherings, in the event of an injury or emergency. Coaches should never leave a child unattended. Please take care in avoiding unnecessary time alone with a child as well.

Field safety is also the coach's responsibility. Please take adequate measures to ensure that the field is safe for all participants and spectators. Helmets are worn at all times while players are out of the dugout while batting. All other protective equipment (throat guards, cups, etc.) is mandatory, even while warming up pitchers - if you wear it in play then you wear it when warming up.

Bats and other gear should be inspected daily for signs of excess wear which may render it unsafe. When in doubt, discontinue use of the equipment.

Make sure that players stay adequately hydrated. Even in cool weather, children of all ages may become dehydrated during activity. Water is the default fluid of choice. In warmer weather, watch players for signs of overheating. Make sure that cold fluid intake is started early and maintained regularly throughout the activity.

In the presence of lightning, thunder and other forms of severe weather, it is imperative that those citizens participating in activities at the Scott Township Ball Park follow these steps:

- Monitor local weather conditions before and during all practices and all games/contests/events.
- Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas. For the Ball Park, our safe area is the Clubhouse - **be prepared for times when only the public hallway/restrooms will be accessible.**

- The following criteria are in effect for suspension and resumption of practices, contests and outdoor activities during the presence of lightning, thunder and other forms of severe weather, which might include the following:
 - Suspension of play/activity criteria: when thunder is heard or lightning in any form (cloud-to-ground, cloud-to-cloud, etc.) is seen, which means that the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning or the use of a weather app (such as “My Lightning Tracker”) indicating a lightning strike of 10 miles away, the suspension of play at contests, at practices and other activities is warranted and including the taking of shelter immediately, is required.
 - Return to play/activity criteria: once play in a contest or practice has been suspended, resumption of play, if warranted, should not occur until at least thirty (30) minutes has passed since the last thunder was heard or the last flash of lightning was witnessed. Note that any thunder heard or lightning seen or indicated on a weather app after the beginning of the 30- minute count resets the clock and another thirty (30) minute count begins.
- Inform all athletes and citizens of these guidelines and all associated criteria, plans and policies at the start of season or activity.

In the event of significant weather concerns - either present or predicted, the Trustee or designee reserves the right to close the Scott Township Ball Park from all practices, games, and other activities. Coaches will be notified via email and/or phone of all park closures.

Any and all safety concerns should be directed to Erica Bridgewater directly.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Scott Township will adhere to a zero tolerance policy with regard to conduct.

Coach’s Conduct: Coaches will display the utmost respect at all times, while in play and off the field. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by game officials, league commissioner, and potentially league representatives - with final decisions on consequences decided by Scott Township League Commissioner and/or Trustee.

Player Conduct: Players will display the utmost respect at all times, while in play and off the field. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the coach, game officials, league commissioner, and potentially league representatives - with final decisions on consequences decided by Scott Township League Commissioner and/or Trustee.

Parent Conduct: Parents will display the utmost respect at all times, while in play and off the field. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the coach, game officials, league commissioner, and potentially league representatives - with final decisions on consequences decided by Scott Township League Commissioner and/or Trustee.

Official Conduct: Officials will display the utmost respect at all times, while in play and off the field. Failure to comply should be immediately reported to league commissioner and will result in disciplinary action by the league commissioner, and potentially league representatives - with final decisions on consequences decided by Scott Township League Commissioner and/or Trustee.

Spectators and Community Members: Spectators and Community Members will display the utmost respect at all times, ensuring the reputation of our community is upheld for those visiting our fields. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the coach, game officials, league commissioner, and potentially league representatives - with final decisions on consequences decided by Scott Township League Commissioner and/or Trustee.

- All players, managers, and coaches are to remain in the dugout during live play unless coaching a base or sideline
- All players not in the game are to be seated properly on the bench
- Limited food items will be permitted in the dugout - only popcorn, seeds, gum, sports drinks, and water
- Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the field during the game
- Players are not allowed to handle a bat until they are leaving the dugout to hit
- Players are not allowed to throw baseballs/softballs in the dugout
- Players warming up other players between innings must have proper protection
- Players are not allowed to throw equipment or argue with game officials
- Officials' judgment MUST be respected, even when calls are challenged