



## City of Pella - Community Services Department Rules and Regulations for Athletic Facilities and Parks

The City of Pella reserves the right to amend or add any rules as necessary to provide all users with safe and high quality facilities.

- All refuse must be collected and placed in the proper receptacles before leaving the reserved area including dugouts, bleacher areas, parking areas and playing fields. Please leave the facility in the condition it was found or better.
- No glass bottles are permitted at any athletic facilities or courts.
- Individuals shall not use any violent, obscene or profane language while on the field grounds nor shall anyone conduct him or herself in a disorderly manner or commit any nuisance that interrupts the normal operations.
- Character Counts! All coaches, players, parents and spectators will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all teammates and competitors by watching language used, attitude, and being respectful of all players, coaches, officials, staff and spectators at every event.
- Individuals shall not solicit the sale of any merchandise or solicit contributions whether public, private profit or non-profit, without the written authorization from the Pella Community Services Department.
- Fields may not be sublet to other users/agencies/organization for practices, tournaments, clinics or any other special event without written authorization of the Pella Community Services Department.
- Any violation of park rules or regulations will be cause for revocation of the athletic field permit without warning.
- Practices and games are not to exceed time specified on the permit.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on City property.
- Pella Parks and Recreational facilities are all No Smoking, No Tobacco and No Nicotine. Tobacco and nicotine use (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, e-cigarettes or similar) are prohibited at all times.
- No weapons of any kind are allowed on City property.
- No shelled nuts, sunflower seeds or peanuts allowed at athletic facilities or on fields or courts.
- In public parks where allowed, pets must be leashed. No animals are allowed on the playing fields including dugout areas. No pets are allowed at the Pella Sports Complex, Pella Soccer Complex or on any athletic playing fields. Service animals are permitted.
- No grills, portable camp stoves or similar are allowed at the Pella Sports Park or Pella Soccer Complex.
- No hitting/soft tossing of any types of ball or objects into fences or structures.
- No climbing on fences, dugouts or improper use of equipment is allowed.
- Soccer Fields: warm up in goal box areas prior to games is prohibited.
- All vehicles must park in designated marked spaces. Vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed if parked in non-designation parking areas including but not limited to drop off areas, grassy areas, entrances, service roads or trails. Vehicles of any kind are not permitted on fields or grass areas.
- No banners, sandwich boards or posting of any notices without prior approval of the Pella Community Services Department.
- Failure to use fields as scheduled without notifying the Pella Community Services Department may result in loss of time slots and forfeiture of payment. The field may also be rented out to another party for use.
- Any actions that endanger or that have the potential to endanger the safety of patrons or cause damage to a facility are not permitted and will result in immediate removal from the facility.
- Failure to comply with posted rules will result in removal from the facility.
- Parks and sports complexes are open from dawn until dusk unless otherwise posted or reserved.
- The City of Pella is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.
- It is the policy of the City of Pella that no activities will be held while a severe weather warning is in effect. During this warning period no one is allowed on the courts, fields or in the dugouts.
- If a tornado warning is issued, patrons should leave the athletic fields and adjacent areas. Please note, any concessions stands or other buildings on site are not certified tornado or storm shelters.

## Field Conditions

The City of Pella is committed to providing high quality, safe playing surfaces on all our athletic fields. We ask for the cooperation of all user groups in protecting the turf from excessive damage due to game and practice activities. The turf is the safety surface for our athletic fields. If any of the following conditions happen to occur, scheduled games and practices should be cancelled or postponed.

1. Standing water on the field of play
2. Soil saturation
3. Walking on turf causes water to surface
  - a. Walking on turf on heels causes indentations.
  - b. Steady downpour of rain on game or practice day which could cause damage to turf or injury to participants.
4. Extreme drought conditions where 50% of the playing surface has turned dormant.
5. Visible frost, snow on grass or on frozen fields.

All coaches, referees, and umpires are responsible for ensuring the safety of field playing conditions at all time during scheduled play. Safety implies the protection of the resource, as well as the participants.