



Guidelines to Permit Outdoor Spaces

Based on State and Local guidance on reopening phases, athletic spaces are now open for permit usage under the provided guidelines. We are hopeful that cooperation from all and compliance to the provided guidelines will reduce the risk of spread; however, usage of these spaces is at user's own risk. Baltimore City Recreation and Parks reserves the right to limit any athletic permit or cancel any permit due to a positive COVID-19 test or as a result of updated State and Local guidelines and/or executive orders.

During the COVID-19 Maryland State of Emergency, it is the user's responsibility to follow all CDC and/or state and local health department guidelines concerning social distancing, screening, and the use of masks or cloth face-coverings during event/activity at all times. The Department of Recreation & Parks offers a variety of permit types and rental spaces. The following guidelines are encouraged and apply to all permits and rentals. Further details applying to specific permit types will be addressed thereafter.

- Social Distancing measures should be taken for all participants following CDC guidelines of 6 feet.
- Proper masks and/or face coverings should be worn at all times.
- Sanitizer is encouraged for participants to bring with them.
- City of Baltimore Waivers must be signed by Permit Holder & all participants.
- Permit Holder must read aloud the waiver to all participants on site of the permitted event.
- A written plan should be submitted explaining steps the permit holder will take to ensure compliance with all CDC and/or state and local health department guidelines concerning social distancing, screening and use of masks or cloth face-coverings.
- Permit Holder is responsible for reporting any positive COVID-19 test results from any participant of permit activity to the Permits Office the same day you are informed of the test results.
- Attendance shall be collected and provided to the Permits office for contact tracing purposes in the event of a positive test.

Athletic Field Usage

- Participants of leagues should not linger pre or post field usage.
- Equipment to include individual seating is encouraged to be brought by each individual participant.
- Where park amenities of bleachers, benches or other seating areas are available, it is encouraged for participants to still use their own personal seating, but if used, encouraged to bring their own sanitizer and to seat distanced from other spectators or participants.

- A written plan should be submitted explaining steps the league or organization will take to ensure compliance with all CDC and/or state and local health department guidelines concerning social distancing, screening and use of masks or cloth face-coverings.
- Social Distancing measures should be taken to best ability while on field and strictly enforced in dug out or sideline areas.
- Players equipment or bags should be spaced out and each player should remain near their bags or equipment while off field.
- Shared equipment must be sanitized frequently.
- Proper masks and/or face coverings should be **worn at all times**.
- Players/Coaches should avoid or limit contact such as:
 - High Fives, team huddles, arms around players, snacks, sharing of water, etc.

For any questions, please contact our permits office at park.permits@baltimorecity.gov