



# Elizabeth Park and Recreation District

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## Athletic Field Permitting Plan

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As the District is receiving increased athletic field permitting requests and attempting to work with groups to allow use of the fields, it is critical that clear guidelines for use are provided and adhered to so that we all can continue to minimize the spread of Covid-19. The District fully recognizes and appreciates the desire by many to return to a sense of normalcy and get back to pursuing our athletic passions, though this must be done in alignment with National, State, and Local requirements and practices. Listed below are a number of guidelines and expectations being issued by the District. Failure to adhere to the following guidelines and expectations will likely result in our parks being shut down entirely for some time, so please ensure that you and your group organize your activities appropriately and help us keep the parks open for us all to enjoy. Some level of play is always preferable to no play at all.

- All athletic and ball fields are available for permitting by Elbert County teams and organizations only. Any existing reservations by teams / groups outside of Elbert County will be honored, though no additional permits will be granted until further notice.
- Permits will not be issued for dates beyond 14 days of request as the District must maintain some flexibility to manage changing conditions.
- All permitting groups must record and submit a roster of attendees that includes at a minimum, a parent / guardian name and telephone number for each minor, and name and phone number for each adult.
- No playing of live games (scrimmage included) are allowed that do not allow for social distancing of at least 6-feet between all individuals. Dugouts on baseball fields will remain closed. Field use is intended only for skill building sessions, practices, and modified play activity that allows for appropriate social distancing at all times.
- The sharing of equipment should be limited to the full extent possible, and teams / groups must bring and utilize their own resources to appropriately disinfect any shared items frequently between use.
- All individuals should bring their own water bottles / snacks and teams / groups should avoid using shared water / hydration stations and / or systems

- No chewing / spitting of sunflower seeds or other such items is permitted
- All teams / groups must bring and provide hand sanitizer for their participants to use as needed during team / group activities on permitted fields.
- All individuals should have a mask on their person, though it does not have to, and certainly should not, cover their face at all times. All individuals should place the mask on to cover their mouth and nose when coming within 6-feet of others not within their familial group. This is especially applicable for coaches and other adults that may be facilitating the activities and come in closer contact to many individuals during the activities. Remember, wearing a mask is to protect others in case you may unknowingly be infected. It's not to directly protect yourself. In all circumstances, periods of individuals being closer than 6-feet to each other should be kept as short as possible.
- Spectators are discouraged from attending team activities during field permits, though we do respect a parent / guardian's desire to observe their child(ren) playing, so if spectators are present, they must have a mask on their person, maintain social distancing from all others not within their familial group to the extent possible, and place their mask over their mouth and nose if coming within 6-feet of others within the park.
- Any individuals who test positive for Covid-19, have a fever, or show any signs of illness should avoid all team activities and stay away from the park.
- All physical contact between team / group members should be completely avoided unless an emergency such as a need for first-aid requires it.
- District staff and local Health Department Officials, and potentially concerned community members, will be observing on-field activities on a regular basis for compliance with these guidelines and expectations for field use. If you or a member of your group is approached with anyone expressing concerns, please be respectful and open to feedback.
- Our shared goal is to ensure we continue to move toward an increasingly allowable level of activity, and we will only do so by partnering together and doing our part to minimize the spread of Covid-19.
- Please contact the Elizabeth Park and Recreation District with any questions, thoughts, or comments, and thank you for your continued support and cooperation.