

FIELD PREPARATION POLICY & PARK RULES

Missoula Parks & Recreation (MPR) makes every effort to have fields ready for play by the beginning of each season; however, no guarantees are made, as this is weather dependent. Missoula Parks & Recreation reserves the right to change the starting date for field availability.

- Grass fields will not open for reservation until April 1, weather dependent. During March, turf is often wet and not actively growing, and therefore is susceptible to damage from use.
- It is important that use be cancelled when fields are too wet and may be damaged by play. Should damage result from use, repair costs will be deducted from the security deposit. If repair costs exceed the security deposit, the organization/permit holder will be invoiced the difference. The organization will also be required to reinstate the amount necessary to bring the security deposit to the required amount during seasonal play.
 - Fields in general will be considered unplayable when:
 - Water is standing on the field
 - Soil is wet and spongy
 - Steady rain is falling
 - Play would result in damage to the field
 - At discretion of Parks Maintenance Manager or Recreation Superintendent
- MPR reserves the right to place on hold or cancel any sports facility rental should play pose possible damage to the facility.
- Misuse resulting in field damage or a pattern of misuse will result in the organization's loss of field use, and will affect its ability to reserve fields in the future.
- There shall be no preparation on fields by outside organizations. Only trained MPR staff will prepare fields at Fort Missoula Regional Park for play. No exceptions
- Damage resulting from unauthorized alterations to the field, particularly during wet conditions, or for any other reasons resulting from the actions of the user, are the responsibility of the user. Organization or Individual Permit Holder will be held financially responsible for all damage.
- Damage to facilities will negatively impact your organization's "Good Standing" status, and may result in loss of ability to reserve fields for play in the future.