



GASTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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Thank you for choosing Gaston County Parks and Recreation!

FACILITY USE GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in the use of Gaston County Recreation facilities. We appreciate your efforts in providing organized activities for your community and will make every effort to provide your organization as much time as possible at the facility you request. However, keep in mind that other groups will also request time at this facility. The Recreation Department will be as fair as possible in dividing and allocating time for all groups concerned.

BALLFIELD LIGHTS: Fees for use of lights will be \$15.00 per hour with a 1 hour minimum per field for adult teams. Fees for youth teams are \$5 per hour with a 1 hour minimum. After the first hour, half hour segments can be used.

KEY DEPOSIT: There will be a \$25.00 key deposit on the key to the lights. This \$25.00 fee shall be refunded if the key is returned within 6 months to the office.

NO FACILITY WILL BE RESERVED FOR ANY PERSON/TEAM WHO HAS NOT PAID FOR PREVIOUS USE.

BALLFIELD MARKING: If the County is requested to mark the field(s) on a weekend or holiday, the fee will be \$100.00 for the first field (up to 4 fields in same park) and \$25.00 for each additional field at the same location. Requests for marking fields must be made by Wednesday. Because of the great demands for field marking and the necessity of scheduling field preparations in advance, no last minute requests can be honored.

FIELD USE/LEAGUE PLAY: In County – the fee for any adult ball league games is \$25 per day per field and it includes one weekend field marking. A \$10 per day fee for leagues using fields unmarked is in-place. Out of County – the fee is \$50 per day and it does not include field marking.

TOURNAMENTS: In county fee is \$50 per field. Each tournament scheduled shall require a deposit of half your fees for fields reserved. If for some reason you don't use all the fields you have reserved, you will lose your deposit. This fee is only refundable in the event the Recreation Department cancels your tournament due to bad weather. In this case, your tournament fee will be credited to your account. Light fees are \$5 per hour youth and \$15 per hour adults and are kept by honor system. Out of county fee is \$100.00 per field. A tournament report is required after each event.

Vendors: No one is allowed to sale anything at Gaston County Parks & Recreation facilities without permission. Application must be filled out and be on file at the department. Vendors will be issued a permit.

YOUTH TEAMS/LEAGUES: If you are requesting practice times for youth leagues, you must submit a proposed schedule giving the number of teams and how much time is being proposed for each team's practice. This is so all teams can be allocated an equal amount of time on the fields. *Spring usage requests will be due the first Friday in February for baseball and softball. Spring usage request for soccer will be due the first Friday in January. The spring usage request will run to the end of July. Fall usage requests for all sports will be due the third Friday in July. Anyone requesting fields after due dates will be subject to field availability.*

INSTRUCTIONAL CAMPS: The fee for use of Gaston County facilities to offer instructional camps is \$50.00 per field, day of camp. Out of County fee is \$50 per field, per day.

ALCOHOL POLICY: Field users are reminded that Gaston County Park Rules state, "alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on any facility owned or operated by the Gaston County Parks & Recreation Department." Violators of this rule will be subject to ticketing, as enforced by the Gaston County Police Department. The Gaston County Parks and Recreation department may also require a county police officer be present for future events.

SECURITY: The Recreation Department may require large tournaments/games to hire an off-duty Gaston County Police Officer to be present at the facility/field. The department will require the proper paper work to be on file. All high school football games are required to have at least one police officer present.