

# **West Caldwell-Caldwell Recreation Kiwanis Oval Turf Field Rules**

ALL GROUP ACTIVITIES MUST BE SCHEDULED  
THROUGH WEST CALDWELL-CALDWELL RECREATION

**Let's Protect and Respect our Turf Field!**

To report violations please call the Recreation Department 973-226-3621.

- **No Food or Drink other than water**
- **No Gum, Seeds or spitting**
- **No Tobacco Products or Alcohol of any kind**
- **No Metal Cleats**
- **Only players, coaches and game officials are permitted on the field.**
- **Spectators are required to sit/stand outside of the fenced area.**
- **No Lawn Chairs**
- **No Bicycles or skateboards**
- **Absolutely No Dogs or Other Pets**
- **No Sharp Objects such as Tent Stakes, Corner Flags or other objects that can penetrate the surface of the field**
- **Always Lift and Carry (DO NOT DRAG) Goals and Equipment,**
- **Food is permitted in designated areas only**
- **Please deposit all trash in trash barrels**

## **TURF FIELD USER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Users have 2 major areas of responsibility:

Keeping the turf clean and preventing physical damage.

Users are responsible for their players as well as their spectators.

**CLEANLINESS:** because the turf is not regenerated like natural grass, anything left on the turf remains there, posing health and safety hazards as well as general degradation of the turf.

### **Prohibitions:**

No Food of any kind, including Seeds unless in designated areas

No Gum, No Gum, No Gum, No Gum!!!

No soda, no sports drinks, no coffee, no tobacco products; no Alcohol

No Bicycles, Dogs or other Pets (advise your spectators)

### **Clean-up:**

1. You are responsible to leave the field as clean as you found it. When you are done, you must police the field and remove anything left by your players or spectators, such as trash, athletic tape, or equipment.

2. Cleaning spills: Spills of foreign substances should be removed as quickly as possible. Thoroughly rinse any cleaning attempts to avoid slippery areas that could result in an injury. Contact athletic facilities supervisor for assistance if needed.

**Other Notes:**

1. For obvious reasons, please encourage your players to try to avoid spitting.
2. Spilled drinks should be thoroughly rinsed into the turf with clean water
3. Notify Facilities Manager if any areas of the turf are damaged or deficient.

**PROTECT THE TURF FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE**

The turf field is a composite system consisting of synthetic grass fibers sewn into a mat. Between the fibers is a 1 ½ inch layer of small rubber pellets (infill). The rubber infill makes the grass stand up and is also the critical cushion between the player and the stone base directly beneath the mat. Foreign objects pose physical risks to the turf fibers, the mat, and the rubber infill.

1. Footwear is restricted to molded cleats (max 1/2"), turf shoes, or other soled athletic shoes such as cross-trainers or running shoes. Metal cleats or spikes are prohibited (Field turf's warranty does not accept liability for damage caused by such footwear).
2. Protect the turf surface from sharp or pointed edges of objects or equipment placed on the field. When goals or other equipment are moved, they should be carried or moved on wheels. Dragging goals, such as lacrosse goals, will damage the turf.
3. Allow no sharp objects that would penetrate the turf, such as tent stakes or corner flags.
4. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the turf (except approved maintenance vehicles). If an ambulance or other emergency vehicle must traverse the turf, try to caution the driver to be extremely careful when starting, stopping and turning (should make slow wide turns). A wood block should be placed at the curb to smooth the transition on and off the turf.

**Parking:**

Please communicate to all pertinent parties (home and away teams) that parking is prohibited on the upper deck of the Community Center or behind the Police building. Parents should utilize the lower deck when dropping off children to alleviate the congestion around the circle.

**We are entrusting you with a resource that is the pride of our community.  
Please do everything in your power to protect it!**

*I have read the rules and regulations regarding use of the Kiwanis Oval Turf field and understand the organization I represent may be held responsible for any damage that may occur.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_