

HODGKINS PARK DISTRICT

2026 FIELD RULES & POLICIES

GENERAL

- All teams must provide a valid certificate of insurance listing the Hodgkins Park District as Additional Insured.
- Profanity, aggressive behavior, and any form of harassment will not be tolerated.
- The use of alcohol or tobacco products is strictly prohibited on or near the field.
- All concessions and outside vendors must receive approval before operating on park district grounds.
- Pets are not allowed on park district property, with the exception of service animals.
- Metal cleats are not permitted on the portable pitching mound.

FIELD USAGE

- The field is available for use during designated times only. Please refer to the field calendars for availability.
- Reservation and reschedule requests must be submitted via email at least 48 hours in advance. Requests are subject to approval and are not confirmed until you receive written confirmation from the Park District.
- Unauthorized field use is strictly prohibited. Teams that use the field outside of their confirmed scheduled times will have all remaining time slots canceled and field access revoked. No refunds will be issued.
- If your game exceeds the allotted time, you must promptly vacate the field to allow the next team to begin on time.
- Homerun derbies are strictly prohibited.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

- In the event of inclement weather, the field may be closed. Always refer to the online calendars for the most up-to-date rainout information.
- Fields are assessed once per day – by 3PM on weekdays and 8AM on weekends. If a field is deemed unplayable, the date box on the field calendar will be highlighted in pink, serving as the official rainout notice for that day. Once a decision has been made, the decision will not be reversed regardless of any change in weather conditions.
- If rain develops after fields have been prepared for play, it is up to the coach's discretion whether to proceed with play or take a rainout.
- We will make every effort to send a rainout email on weekdays. **NO RAINOUT EMAILS WILL BE SENT ON WEEKENDS.**
- We will make every effort to reschedule rainouts. No reimbursements or refunds will be issued due to weather. The park district does not issue refunds for rainouts or unused field time at the end of the season.
- If your team experiences rainouts, please check the online calendar for availability and email Ryan with your reschedule request.
- The park district does not cancel games or issue rainout credits due to extreme temperatures, including instances where temperatures fall below your organization's internal threshold. We strongly encourage all teams to monitor the weather forecast closely and submit any schedule change requests at least 48 hours in advance.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

- All players must wear appropriate safety gear, including helmets, cleats, and other required protective equipment.
- No one is permitted on the field during maintenance activities.
- Only park district staff are authorized to operate or use maintenance equipment (e.g., tractors, rakes, etc.). We do not allow any non-staff members to use any equipment.
- The park district does not provide first aid kits. Teams are strongly encouraged to bring their own.
- Do not block paths, sidewalks, or driveways at any time.
- Parking is allowed only in designated parking lots and street spaces. Parking on grass or paths is prohibited. Violators will be towed.

EQUIPMENT

- Bases are set up for the first game of the day. Coaches for subsequent games are responsible for moving the bases to their required distance.
- Coaches are responsible for setting up the portable pitching mound or rubber to the required length. Tape measures are available in each equipment box.
- The last team on the field each night is responsible for putting away bases and the pitching rubber, re-plugging base anchors with rubber caps, and turning off the lights. The portable mound should be moved up against the fence.
- A \$50 fine will be issued to any team that fails to turn off the lights at the end of the night.
- The park district will stripe outfield foul lines as needed. Infield chalking is not provided, and we do not supply a line chalker, chalk, or Diamond Dry.
- Cleats/spikes are not permitted inside the recreation building, playgrounds, basketball courts, or restrooms. If damage occurs, all teams scheduled that day/night will be fined, unless a team accepts responsibility.
- Equipment and light boxes are secured with combination locks. Combinations are distributed once all required paperwork is submitted. Do not share combinations with anyone outside your organization.
- The park district is not responsible for any non-park district equipment left in the base box.

2026 REGISTERED TEAM RATES

	Day Games (Before 4pm)	Evening Games (After 4pm)
Cole Lenzi Field (West Field)	\$70 per 2 hr time slot	\$80 per 2 hr time slot
Little League Field (East Field)	\$70 per 2 hr time slot	\$80 per 2 hr time slot