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Washoe County fields host a variety of Adult and Youth Sports





Washoe County has over 40 permittable sports fields in use during 2 seasons.

Spring: March 1st thru June 30th

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Fall: July 1st thru October 31st

Currently 19 different sports organizations are utilizing
Washoe County fields with approximately
443 Teams

7,425 Players



Field Statistics:

- 15 Washoe County Parks have sports fields
- 4 combination baseball/flat fields
- 4 Tee-ball fields
- 5 Regulation baseball fields
- 17 Youth baseball fields
- 20 Flat/soccer fields





- Along with regular season play, the County also permits space for several sports tournaments a year on Washoe County fields.
- Sports camps are also permitted on an annual basis at Washoe County park locations.
- The demand on Washoe County fields continues to grow year over year as the population grows. Each season numerous field requests have to be denied due a lack of space to accommodate all requests.
- Sports field permitting with Washoe County is as inclusive as possible.
 Fields allocations are given out based on the size and need of each
 organization. As long as an organization meets the permit application
 requirements, every organization will be given space, even if it is not the
 entire amount of space requested.
- Multiple requests for the same field location typically goes to the organization that historically has held that field over previous seasons.



Washoe County Sports vs. City of Reno/Sparks Sports

Both Cities have adult leagues run by the City. This includes registration, schedule building and staffing officials on fields.

Both Cities also have youth sports associations that handle field permitting and scheduling for youth sports programs.

Washoe County does not run any leagues or staff officials at any fields.

All sports field permitting for adult and youth sports go through the Recreation Coordinator.



League Responsibilities:

- At the beginning of each year an annual league meeting is held to discuss the application process and requirements for league play on County fields.
- Leagues fill out a field application prior to each season.
- A refundable deposit and an insurance certificate with Washoe County listed as an additionally insured must be provided prior to permits being sent to leagues.
- A per player fee and rosters must be submitted at the end of each season before the refundable deposit is returned to the leagues.



League Responsibilities:

- Leagues are responsible for providing and care of their own equipment (ie; goal posts & nets, storage boxes/lockers, bases and mounds) The County does not provide any equipment for sports league use.
- Portable bathrooms: for parks or spaces that don't have restroom facilities, leagues are responsible to ordering and seeing to the maintenance of portable options. Leagues are also responsible for portables prior to or post winterization of park facilities.
- Leagues that are permitted on fields with lighting are responsible for the utility costs at that field. If multiple leagues use the field the utility costs are split based on each organizations use of that field.



Concession Agreements:

- 4 County parks have concession buildings available for league use. North Valleys Regional Park, South Valleys Regional Park, Lemon Valley Park & Eagle Canyon Park.
- A concession agreement is provided to sports leagues wanting to sell food concessions in which a percentage of sales is given back to Washoe County.













The Covid Recovery

- The 2020 sports season took a serious hit as Covid-19 gripped the area.
- Regulations on youth and adult sports were announced and changed almost on a weekly basis.
- Constant communication with sports organizations, the Health Department and the State were needed in order to ensure safety and seriously reduced the number of people registered to play.
- Some organizations completely canceled their sports seasons.
- We are happy to report that sports have returned to pre Covid-19 numbers.

Questions?



Thank you

