

Athey Field Use Guidelines

The Warrenton Fields Association is committed to maintaining the quality and safety of the fields at Athey Sports Complex for all users. To ensure the longevity of the turf and a positive experience for everyone, we have established the following guidelines for field use:

- Goals need to be locked up after ALL practices and games to minimize unauthorized individuals/groups using the fields, particularly around the goal mouths.
- Do not leave goals in the middle of the fields; they need to be moved to the sidelines and have their edges locked up.
- Goals should be placed in different locations on the field every time they are unlocked. It is especially critical that they are away from official goal mouths when not needed for specific training.
- A field that gets 2- 3 older kids (ages 12+) games on Saturday needs to be rested Sunday and Monday to the extent possible to give the grass the chance to recover from the weekend.
- To the extent possible, older kids should not practice on the same fields more than 2 weeks in a row.
- When it rains more than .75 inches in 24 hours, the fields need to be closed. If .25 inch falls after lunch time, practice is okay as long as the temps are hot (85 degrees or higher).
- When fields are closed, organizations are responsible for enforcing that teams do not practice and no one is on them.
- Rotate age groups on the fields as much as possible every season.
- Camps should have field sizes and layouts that vary from those in the regular league seasons.

Together, these guidelines help preserve the quality of our fields and support a safe, enjoyable environment for all players and teams.