



BRYC Softball, P.O. Box 10333, Burke, VA 22009

BRYC Softball Field Use Policy

As a youth sports club, BRYC obtains fields for sole purpose of providing space for its teams to practice and play games, no other purpose. The BRYC Softball program strictly adheres BRYC and Fairfax County policies regarding field use. The following are a list of BRYC Softball policies that are enforced by the Softball Commissioner and Deputy Softball Commissioner (herein after referred to as the Commissioner and Deputy):

Field Permits:

- The Commissioner, or his/her designated representative, will be the single point of contact with the county for scheduling fields to avoid confusion and conflicting information.
- The Commissioner will disseminate field permits to all coaches (House and Select).
- Coaches must have, on their person, an electronic or paper copy of their issued permits when using a BRYC Softball permitted field (at both practices and games).
- Coaches are required to present their permits upon request by a county field inspector.

Field Use/Availability:

- Rule #1: Games trump practices.
- Rule #2: The Commissioner, and the Deputy in his absence, will make all final decisions on field use.
- Rule #3: Fields will be equally distributed across all teams, often times in excess of the county field allocation policy, at the discretion of the Softball Commissioner.
- According to the [Fairfax County Field Allocation Policy](#), each permitted team is allocated a certain number of practice and game hours in a week as follows:
 - 8u – 1.5 hours of practice and 2 hours of games per week
 - 10u/12u – 1.5 hours of practice and 5 hours of games per week
 - 18u – 2 hours of practice and 7.5 hours of games per week
 - Note: There are no special designations for House or Select teams
- [Fairfax County Rules for Field Use](#) will be adhered to by all teams/coaches.

Field Designation:

- Commissioner designates all field usage.
- At the beginning of each season, after teams have been formed, the Commissioner will send everyone the Practice Field Schedule.
- If you get to a field and someone or a group of folks are on the field during your scheduled time, the Head Coach should respectfully ask the individuals to depart the field. If they



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refuse to do so, please call the Commissioner or Deputy. If neither is available, call the Fairfax County Police.

Field Maintenance:

- Being good stewards of the fields is our #1 priority, this will ensure continued use of the county fields.
- It's important that we prep fields prior to use and after use. Do so before is a matter of safety. Rake out any mounds that formed from heavy rains and rocks that may have been exposed. Each field must be dragged/raked at the conclusion each practice or game.
- Since we are not the sole users of the fields, it's difficult to know exactly who is responsible for fields left in poor condition. However, it's important that each coach do their part in ensuring fields are properly maintained throughout the season (dragged/rakes, trash picked up, equipment picked up, and knack boxes secured).
- If you witness damage to the field, grass, fence, bases, etc., please take a picture of the damage and send that with a quick summary report to the Commissioner and Deputy.
- Softball infields should be all clay. If you get to your field and it's overgrown with weeds/grass, please take a picture and send it to the Commissioner/Deputy, they will call the county and have the fields dragged by the county. It's not always done quickly, but the county notification will be done the next at the latest.
- **A quick editorial:** There are some that will move heaven and earth to have a game, regardless of the weather. The bottom-line is we cannot risk injuring our players or losing our county field permits. Muddy fields cause slippery conditions, which can cause serious injuries to the ladies (knees, hips, ankles). When you play on muddy fields you leave lots of deep footprints and scrapes. Those deep footprints and scrapes dry and leave a very bumpy and hard to play on field...so please do not push it. We have Turface (kitty litter) in each of the boxes, but that only does so much. Too much Turface on the field damages the clay mixture and the county gets on us rather heavily. If you are playing on a muddy field and the county inspector shows up, we could easily lose our field permits for the season, if not forever. ***Respect the field conditions, we can reschedule games.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Burke", written in a cursive style.

Brandon Burke
BRYC Softball Commissioner
Signed: April 15, 2019