#### Denton Parks and Recreation Tournament Rental Agreement (Effective 1/1/2023)

This Tournament Rental Agreement ("Agreement") outlines the required procedure to rent available fields for games and tournaments. The Athletics Manager, or designee, must approve any deviation from this procedure.

All users must make a reservation in order to use a field. Without a reservation permit, users are in violation of City of Denton Code of Ordinances 22-26, and are subject to removal from the facility, fines, and a potential criminal trespass notice. All users with a valid reservation, and signed rental agreement, ("Renters") will abide by the guidelines listed in this agreement. The Athletics Office reserves the right to deny use of athletic facilities to any Renter who deviates from any condition or requirement in this Agreement. Violation of the agreement will result in the forfeiture of any deposit or rental fee paid and can affect future use of the fields.

#### **Field Availability**

Fields will not be reserved on dates that conflict with programs operated by Denton Parks and Recreation (DPARD), Denton Youth Sports Associations (DYSA), or on City of Denton holidays, unless authorized by the Athletics Manager. Fields will not be rented to users who offer programs which directly compete with DPARD and/or DYSA programs. Fields will not be rented during maintenance periods, as established by DPARD.

#### **Field Rental Reference Chart**

Type of Rental	Booked By	Cancelation Fee	Payment Schedule	Insurance Required
Tournaments	At least 30 days in advance	See section IV. C.	100% of fees and bracket due by 5 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the tournament.	Yes Reference section V. B.

All fees must be paid online, or to the DPARD office, during normal operating hours, which are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Denton Service Center, 901-A Texas Street, Denton, TX 76209. The office can be reached via telephone at (940) 349-7218. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover.

#### I. Reservation Requests and Deposits

- A. <u>Rental Requests:</u> Field reservation requests may be emailed to <u>athletics@cityofdenton.com</u> beginning January 1, 2023, for rentals to occur during the 2023 calendar year. All emails must include the field(s), date(s), time(s), and be listed in order of priority. Reservations are not confirmed until a signed field agreement and deposit(s) have been received, and a reservation confirmation has been given to the Renter.
- B. <u>Priority Order for Bookings:</u> Reservation requests received from January 1-5 will be placed in a queue based on the date and time stamp of the email request. Rentals will be assigned one date (one weekend for tournaments) at a time, based on this queue order. Consideration to a Renters tournament rental history will be given when booking rentals. In an instance where a Renter has requested multiple dates, their highest remaining priority date will be assigned when their place has been reached in the queue. The queue will repeat, in order, until all requested rentals received Jan 1-5 have been assigned. Rental requests received January 6 or later will be assigned at that time, based on current availability.
- C. <u>Deposits</u>: A \$200 deposit is required at the time of booking for each tournament date or game season per complex reserved. The deposit, which may be made as noted above, will be processed and kept until the conclusion of the event. Deposits may be refunded based on the conditions below.

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A portion of the deposit will be kept if cancelation deadlines are not met as outlined in the Refund/Cancellation section below. In addition, if the fields are not left clean, cleaning fees of \$38 per labor hour will be assessed and deducted from the deposit. If lights are left on, a \$10 per hour fee will be deducted from the deposit. If the reservation runs over the specified end time, the standard fees of \$25 per hour with lights, and \$15 per hour without lights, will be deducted from the deposit.

Deposits will be returned if the fields are left clean, lights are turned off, and the field reservation ends at the specified time. If the original deposit was paid by credit card, the Renter will receive a call from the Parks staff within 7 days to process the refund back to the original card used for said deposit. City Holidays or days when the City is not fully operating do not count as "business days" for purpose of this section. If the original deposit was paid by cash, check, of money order, a refund check will be mailed within 30 business days from the date of cancellation when applicable.

Although deposits are not required for practice reservations, the Athletics Office reserves the right to require a deposit if there is an issue including but not limited to of any of the following: lights left on, reservations running longer than requested, and/or fields not left clean.

#### II. Reservation Fees

- A. All fields may be rented for practices/games at a rate of \$15 an hour without lights, and \$25 an hour with lights. For tournaments, fees will be based on the number of teams playing in the event. A fee of \$50 per team will be assessed. Field reservation times need to include warm-up time and field clean-up time.
- B. Field Prep Fees: For tournaments, a fee of \$40 per field per day will charged for field preparation.
- C. A nonresident fee of \$5 will be applied to each reservation for nonresidents of the City of Denton.
- D. For all scheduled games, a minimum of 30 minutes will be added to the field reservation prior to the first game of the day for warm-up time. Renters may request additional warm-up time.
- E. The minimum field booking is one hour. Field bookings may begin or end on the hour or half hour. In the event that a reservation is requested in a 15-minute increment, the booking will be rounded up to the next half-hour.
- F. Lights will be scheduled and charged based on the sunset calendar and rounded to the earliest halfhour. For example, if the sunset is at 6:24 p.m., the light charge will begin at 6 p.m.
- G. <u>Softball/Baseball Tournament Fees:</u> All tournaments are required to pay a \$30/hour staff fee. Staff will touch up fields, stock restrooms, and complete trash patrol throughout the event. If requested, temporary fences will be installed at a rate of \$150 per field. Temporary fences will not be added to Denia Softball fields 2 and 4 since the fence distance is already 225'. City of Denton will not provide water coolers or first aid supplies. City of Denton will not store any of the tournament host or vendors's supplies/equipment.
- H. DPARD will operate (or contract out) and keep all proceeds from the concession sales. If DPARD does not operate concessions; the Renter may operate his or her own concessions under the same policies outlined in section VI. DPARD may require a completed financial (income/expense) report from the Renter within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.
- I. <u>Coach Look/Camps:</u> There will be no coach looks or camps permitted the Friday before a tournament. A tournament director may host a camp during tournament hours on Saturday afternoon/evening.



#### III. Scoreboards

All scoreboards are operated via an application on your smartphone. There is no additional charge to use the scoreboards.

#### **IV. Refunds/Cancellation Policy**

- A. Refunds are given only when fields are deemed by Parks staff to be unplayable due to: inclement weather, electrical defects, or any other maintenance related issue which prevents Renter from using the fields. The deadline for requesting a refund is five business days after the scheduled rental date. Refunds will not be given when teams choose not to play for reasons other than those stated above. Refunds will not be given for teams that forfeit during game or tournament play. Refunds will not be given for teams that pull out of tournaments once brackets and fees have been submitted.
- B. If the original deposit was paid by credit card, the Renter will receive a call from the Parks staff within 7 business days to attempt to process the refund back to the original card used for said deposit. In the event Parks staff is unable to reach the Renter by phone, it will be the sole obligation of the Renter to reach out to Park staff to initiate any deposit refund back to a credit card which may be owed. City Holidays or days when the City is not fully operating do not count as "business days" for purpose of this section. If the original deposit was paid by cash, check, of money order, a refund check will be mailed within 30 business days from the date of cancellation when applicable. A new reservation may be issued in place of a refund to those Renters who wish to choose another available date.

#### C. Cancellation Policy:

- a. 100% refund of the Security Deposit Cancellation must be made in writing 30 calendar days prior to the tournament date.
- b. 50% refund of Security Deposit Cancellation must be made in writing 10-29 calendar days prior to the tournament date.
- c. NO REFUND Cancellation less than 10 calendar days prior to the tournament date.

#### V. Renter Requirements and Responsibilities:

- A. <u>On-site Commissioner:</u> All Renters must provide an on-site commissioner to handle any issue that may arise during any athletic event on City of Denton fields. No games should occur without an on-site commissioner, and the commissioner's name and contact information must be provided to the Athletics Office under the Rental Information section.
- B. <u>Insurance:</u> Proof of insurance is required for all leagues and tournaments. A copy of the insurance coverage must be presented to the Athletics Office at least one week before the start of each game season, and two full business days before tournaments. Insurance should provide coverage until three weeks after the conclusion of each game season to allow for rainouts. If the proof of insurance is not provided, all games will be cancelled until proof of insurance is received. During the performance of the Agreement, the Renter shall maintain the following insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Texas, by the Texas Department of Insurance, or any successor agency, and must have an AM Best rating of at least A-. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with bodily injury limits of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and not less than \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.

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The Renter shall furnish insurance certificates, or insurance policies, at the City's request to evidence such coverages. The insurance policies shall name the City of Denton as an additional insured on all such policies and shall contain a provision that such insurance shall not be canceled or modified without written notice to the City and the Renter. In such event, the Renter shall, prior to the effective date of the change or cancelation, serve substitute policies furnishing the same coverage.

- C. <u>Indemnification:</u> THE RENTER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, ASSIGNS, SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN CITY ACTIVITIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSS, LIABILITY, COST (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES, ACCOUNTANTS' FEES, ENGINEERS' FEES, CONSULTANTS' FEES AND EXPERTS' FEES), EXPENSE, DAMAGE, AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES BECAUSE OF INJURY TO PERSONS (INCLUDING DEATH) AND INJURY OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY PROPERTY OR IMPROVEMENTS ARISING FROM OR CAUSED BY THE ACTS AND/OR OMISSIONS OF THE RENTER, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, COACHES, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTICIPANTS IN RENTER'S ACTIVITIES.
- D. <u>Cleaning fields:</u> It is the Renter's responsibility to ensure all trash is collected and placed in the appropriate trash receptacles. In the event that trash is left, cleaning fees will be deducted from the deposit at a rate of \$38 per hour. If throughout the course of a season, the deposit is used to pay for cleaning and falls below a balance of \$50, the Renter will be required to pay an additional deposit amount up to \$150 before the league can continue to play. Cleaning of fields includes all dugouts, playing fields, bleachers, concession areas, bathrooms, parking lots, and the perimeter around the playing fields, inside and out of fenced areas. The fields are considered unclean if there is any trash left in any of these areas and not in a trash barrel or dumpster. The fields are considered clean when all trash is placed in either the trash barrels or a dumpster.
- E. <u>Reservation Permit Required:</u> A reservation permit shall be issued to confirm the reservation and must be carried to the game site to confirm the day, date, and time of the reservation should the field be occupied.
- F. <u>Duty to Report Violations:</u> Renters must follow all City Ordinances and other applicable laws, while onsite and promptly report any violations to the police at (940) 349-8181. Failure to report these violations could result in the forfeiture of field use rights.
- G. <u>No Alcohol.</u> All Renters will be responsible for ensuring that no alcohol is consumed or possessed, in the park areas, including but not limited to parking lots. Such alcohol consumption is a violation of the City of Denton Code of Ordinance Sec. 22-32.
- H. <u>Smoking:</u> It is unlawful for any person to smoke or possess a lit tobacco, or other plant product, or to smoke electronic cigarettes (e-cigarette) except in designated areas. The designated smoking area is the parking lot, unless otherwise noted by a specific "designated smoking area" sign. City of Denton Code of Ordinances Section 14-87(a).
- I. <u>Use of Tents or Canopy:</u> Contact Building Inspections at (940) 349-8360 to secure a Fire Code Permit (by inspection) if a tent or canopy larger than 400 square feet will be used. A fire extinguisher is required for these tents.
- J. <u>Prior Approval for Placement of Items in Ground:</u> Prior to placing anything in the ground (stakes, t-posts, etc.) Renter must get written approval from DPARD, and call 811, or visit <u>www.texas811.org</u>, to schedule a dig survey.



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- K. <u>No Glass.</u> Glass containers are not permitted in any park area and the Renter is responsible for ensuring that any glass seen is disposed of immediately.
- L. <u>Airhorn Use Prohibited at Certain Parks</u>: Airhorns are not allowed to be used at City of Denton athletic fields that are in close proximity to a neighborhood. These parks include Denia, Evers, Fred Moore, Mack, and Roberts.
- M. Moving City/Park Equipment: Renters are prohibited from moving bases and pitching rubbers.
- N. <u>Police and EMS Onsite</u>: The City of Denton reserves the right to require Police/EMS to be present for any activities on City of Denton property or facilities.

#### VI. Concession, Sale of Goods, and Gate Fees

A. <u>Vendor Permits:</u> Renter's must receive prior authorization from DPARD if they intend to collect fees onsite for goods or services such as gate fees, enrollment fees, fundraisers, food, and/or merchandise. Every vendor must obtain a permit at a minimum of two business days prior to the rental. Permits may be obtained at the Denton Civic Center. Vendor permit fees are \$15 per day for non-profit, or \$25 per day for profit, and must be displayed at the point of sale.

If the vendor will be selling food, a health permit must be obtained by the vendor from the Building Inspections Department by calling (940) 349-8360. Vendor permits will not be issued without first showing a valid health permit (if applicable.) All permits must be displayed at the point of sale. The Renter will be held responsible for any vendor on site that does not have the proper paperwork and subject to City of Denton fines for not having the required permits.

- B. <u>Gate fees:</u> If the Renter intends to charge a gate fee (whether on-site or not), the City of Denton must be notified prior to booking the reservation. The City of Denton will be entitled to 25 percent of the collected fees. The Renter will be required to provide a financial statement verifying the proceeds from the gate fees collected. This fee will be due within seven business days after the completion of the rental. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in loss of the \$200 deposit and cancellation of future rentals.
- C. <u>Concessions:</u> Where the City is not operating the concession stand, Renters may set up his or her own concession stand, with prior approval from DPARD. The required vendor permits and health permits (if required) must be obtained to operate. Renters will not be allowed access to City of Denton's permanent concession stands.

#### VII. Preparation of Fields

DPARD will assume responsibility for the preparation of the field for game dates only. Accessories such as goals, bases, and pitching rubbers may not be in place for practices and/or scrimmages. For softball/baseball tournaments, the reserved fields will be prepared (lined and dragged) for the first game only on each day of the tournament. Additional field preparation and services are available for fees outlined in the Addendum for Maintenance Services.

#### VIII. Field Equipment

DPARD is unable to loan or rent field preparation equipment, or field maintenance equipment to Renters. Renters are not allowed to use any of their own equipment on the fields without prior authorization from the DPARD.



#### IX. Lights

For complexes that are not on timers, Renters will be given a code to unlock the push-button light box system. Press and hold the green button for about 10 seconds to activate the lights and press and hold the red button to turn off the lights. Lock the box back when leaving. Lights may be disconnected if the field is in use after the stated end time. Renters that fail to turn off lights will be charged \$25 per hour, per field, for any time period lights are left on after the appropriate end time, as determined by Parks staff.

#### X. Parking

- A. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lots. Parking or driving inside the athletic complexes, or on grass areas, is prohibited. This includes vehicles used by tournament/league directors and vendors. All vendors with trailers must set up in the parking lot. Trailers are not permitted inside the athletic complexes, or on grass areas. On street parking by park entrances is prohibited. No parking on any grass area, unless the area has been designated for overflow parking by DPARD. All vehicles are subject to ticketing and/or towing if parked in these no parking areas.
- B. Overnight camping and overnight parking of any vehicle is NOT allowed in City parks or parking lots of City buildings. Park hours are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; parking outside of these hours is prohibited, except at North Lakes Park when games go until 11 p.m. Renters will be fined \$100 by DPARD for each violation. City of Denton Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-30.
- C. Any damage, theft, or burglary of motor vehicles on DPARD property is not the responsibility of the City of Denton. It is recommended that spectators/participants hide or take any belongings with them and lock their vehicles.

#### XI. Scheduling of Games

- A. Weekday reservations may be scheduled between 3 p.m. 10 p.m. Weekend reservations may be scheduled between 9 a.m. 10 p.m., with the exception of reservations in North Lakes Park, which must end by 11 p.m.
- B. If any changes need to be made to a Renter's game schedule after the start of the season, a written request must be submitted. A minimum of two business days' notice must be provided to the Athletics Manager for reschedules.
- C. DPARD programs have priority usage of fields. In the event that a DPARD make-up game/event causes a conflict with a rental, Renters will be given 72 hours' notice regarding these changes.

#### XII. Status of Playing Conditions

- A. The athletic field condition line (940) 349-8276 will be updated by 4 p.m. on weekdays, and by 8:30 a.m on weekends, when conditions are questionable. If inclement weather arises after this time, it will be up to the Renter's discretion for play, unless otherwise noted on the athletic field condition line. No play is allowed on closed fields. A minimum of two business days' notice must be given for rain out reschedules. Fields may not be prepared and lights not activated if notice is not given.
- B. Please review our Inclement Weather Policy below (exhibit D).

#### XIII. Closed Fields

It is a violation of Section 22-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, Texas to enter a field that has a closed sign posted, unless such person is a City employee, or contractor, performing maintenance.

- A. A closed field will be any field that is not open due to inclement weather or maintenance.
- B. DPARD staff is authorized to close any field for the purpose of maintenance, or to protect the surface of the field from damage.

#### XIV. Restrooms

Restrooms will be closed from November 15 – March 15 each year for winterization.

#### XV. Cancelation of Outdoor Field Agreement:

The Outdoor Field Agreement can be revoked by the Athletics Office for noncompliance of any portion of this agreement or for convenience at the sole discretion of DPARD.

#### XVI. Hotel Information

The City of Denton requires that the attached (Exhibit C) Tournament Hotel Information form be filled out by all teams prior to the start of the 2nd scheduled game.

#### Addendum of Inventory for Field Rentals

(DPARD and DYSA will have priority to schedule field usage.)

- 1) Denia Soccer Field
- 2) Denia Softball Complex
- 3) Disc Golf Course (\$25 per hour)
- 4) Evers Baseball Complex
- 5) Fred Moore Softball Field
- 6) Hinkle Rugby/Soccer Field
- 7) Mack Baseball Complex

8) Mack Park Hockey Rink (\$25 per hour)

- 9) Mack Soccer Field
- 10) North Lakes Football Complex
- 11) North Lakes Soccer Complex
- 12) North Lakes Softball Complex
- 13) Roberts Baseball Field
- 14) Vela Athletic Complex

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#### Addendum for Maintenance Services

Field preparation: line and drag fields:	\$38 per hour per staff (minimum 2 staff)
Litter removal and clean restrooms:	\$38 per hour per staff
Installing a temporary fence:	\$150 per field
Loading, hauling, and setting bleachers:	\$100 per bleacher
Loading, hauling, and setting soccer goals:	\$350 per pair
Painting lines on fields for a sport that is not normally on that field. Example: soccer or flag football on an outfield:	\$150 per field

#### **Renter Information**

Renter Name: Connor Berry		
Organization Name: Ranch Baseball I	investments	
Email:ranchbaseballtx@gmail.com	9403931604 Phone#:	
Address: 1816 S FM 51 Ste 400-191	_City:	Zip:
Onsite commissioner during event, if diffe	erent than the renter:	
Name: <u>Connor Berry</u> Emai	l:ranchbaseballtx@gmai	1.com 9403931604 Phone#:
Date of event(s):4/15-16, 4/22-23,	5/20-21, 6/23-24 Eve	rs, Mack, Roberts

#### AGREEMENT APPROVAL

AS ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE CITY FACILITIES REFERENCED IN THIS AGREEMENT, RENTER HEREBY RELEASES, ACQUITS, AND FOREVER DISCHARGES AND AGREES TO DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS, AT ITS COST AND EXPENSE, THE CITY OF DENTON, ITS ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, HARM, CLAIMS CAUSES OF ACTION, LAWSUITS, COSTS, FEES, EXPENSES OR PENALTIES ARISING OUT OF ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIM, SUIT OR PROCEEDING RELATED TO OR ARISING OUT OF ANY AND ALL INJURIES, INCLUDING DEATH, DAMAGES, OR LOSS ARISING OUT OF THE USAGE OF THE SAID FACILITIES. MY SIGNATURE BELOW CONSTITUTES MY ACCEPTANCE OF AND AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF THE PROVISIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

\*This agreement is valid through the end of December 2023, however rates are subject to change in October of each year as new fees can be set by City Council.

DocuSigned by:	
Renter's Signature: Course Burry	Date:
City Representative's Signature: Jason Barrow	Date:
City Representative's Name:Jason Barrow	Title: Manager
	Renter Initials:

#### Exhibit A Tournament Information

*Complete only if hosting a tournament(s).* 

Complete a row <u>in each section</u> for each tournament you are hosting. <u>List in order of priority</u>, not chronological order. Use additional sheet if necessary.

#### Section 1 – Basic Tournament Information

Event #	Date of Event	Name of Event	How Many Teams	Gate Fee	Do You Need Hotel Rates
Event 1					
Event 2					
Event 3					
Event 4					
Event 5					

Section 2 – Tournament Field Specifications

Event #	Fields Needed	Temp Fences Needed (200' or 225')	Temp Fence Distance (in feet)	Base Distance (in feet)	Pitching Distance & Circle Diameter (in feet)
Event 1					
Event 2					
Event 3					
Event 4					
Event 5					

#### Exhibit B Tournament Field Rental Availability\* 2023

\*Please note for 2023, a maximum of 15 tournament weekends will be booked.

#### **Tournament Rental Season**

Saturday, March 18 – Sunday, November 12

#### **Estimated Sunday Adult Softball Season Dates**

- 1. Spring Season March 13 June 4
- 2. Summer Season June 11 July 23
- 3. Fall Season August 21 November 12

Sunday Adult Softball will utilize North Lakes Softball field 5 & 6 all day on Sundays during its season, and will have priority over all tournaments. These dates are estimated, and the season could run shorter or longer, pending enrollment and rain outs.

#### **Blackout Dates for Tournaments**

Tournaments will not be booked during blackout dates. Once 15 tournaments have been reserved, no additional tournaments will be booked.

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# Renter Initials:

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## Exhibit C 2023 Tournament Hotel Information

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**Denton Parks and Rec** 

This form is REQUIRED to be completed and submitted to Denton Parks and Recreation prior to the start of your 2nd game. No team will be permitted to compete without it. Each team should submit ONE form. Please write legibly. Thank you!

Team Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Division/Age Group:\_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_ Home State: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults in your party: \_\_\_\_ # of youth under 18: \_\_\_\_

Coach/Manager Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Manager Cell Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person paying for room	Hotel	# of people per room	# of nights
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#### Exhibit D

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

### **Phase 1** – Storm clouds in the area, possibility of inclement weather

**Athletics:** Staff will monitor weather and keep coaches, referees, and instructors up to date on potential inclement weather.

**Operations:** Athletics staff will be on the lookout for lightning in the area. Athletics Supervisors should monitor the weather radar and update staff at all athletics locations periodically on the storm movement.

## Phase 2 – Lightning/Thunder in the area

Based on data from the lightning prediction and warning system, visual confirmation of lightning and/or audible confirmation of thunder by staff, and/or via local weather radar station

**Operations:** Inform guests that there is inclement weather in the area and that we will reopen or resume play as soon as the weather passes over.

Staff on Duty will immediately remove all patrons/players from the athletics fields, tennis courts, and driving range area.

## Phase 3 – Lightning/Thunder detected in the immediate area

The lightning prediction and warning system sends an audible siren signaling lightning / thunder in the coverage area.

**Tennis/Golf:** Staff on Duty will cease renting tennis courts and selling buckets of golf balls to customers. Inform guests that there is inclement weather in the area and we will re-open as soon as the weather passes over.

**Athletics:** The Athletics SOD should clear the field of play and encourage guests to take shelter.

#### Suggested Shelters:

- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Pavilions
- Recreation Centers

**Operations:** Guests may stay in the facilities but cannot enter the playing areas. The Staff on Duty (SOD) should continue to monitor weather radar and report on the supposed duration, location, and intensity of the storm. Staff and/or instructors should inform patrons with regards to remaining in the park or relocating to the tennis/golf centers if required.



Absent an audible alert from the lightning prediction and warning system, the SOD/officials may also close the athletics area under weather conditions with visible lightning and audible thunder based on local weather forecasting and / or information obtained from the Emergency Management Coordinator. Prior to closing, the SOD will confirm electrical activity in the immediate area through local radar, weather reporting, and local streaming data.

Once the hazard has subsided, an "all clear" signal of three horn blasts will sound. Staff will review radars to confirm there is no additional inclement weather moving into the area and notify staff that it is safe to resume scheduled activities. At this point, staff will move to Phase 5.

### Phase 4 – Delay/Canceling play

If the lightning prediction and detection system continues to detect lightning in the immediate area for more than 30 minutes, staff may continue to close the athletics areas temporarily, or for the remainder of the day. This decision is made by the Athletics Supervisors or the SOD in consultation with the Director or designee. The decision is made based on radar observations, information from the lightning prediction and detection system, air and water temperature, and the local weather forecast for the remainder of the day.

Operations: Staff will begin closing duties.

## Phase 5 - Resuming operations/play

of debris in all areas of play.

The lightning system sounds an "all clear" of three horn blasts to indicate the immediate area is clear of *electrical activity*. Staff will review radars to confirm there is no additional inclement weather moving into the area and notify staff that it is safe to reopen the facility

Tennis/Golf: Begin regular operations and admitting patrons out to the courts/range.Athletics: SOD/officials will inform coaches that play is safe to resume.Operations: The lightning system will give an audible sound of three horn blasts to indicate the immediate area is clear of electrical activity. Staff will ensure that the park is clean, free

## Cold/Heat Policy:

**Cold:** If the temperature drops below 38 degrees (wind chill or actual) athletic games will be canceled, and the tennis/golf facilities will close.

Heat: In times of extreme heat, SOD/officials may cancel games in regards to player safety.

Perry Weather is the lightning detection system used by the City of Denton. For more information, please visit <u>www.perryweather.com</u>.

