

Maryland SoccerPlex

Field Usage Policies

All fields (natural grass + artificial turf)

- Fields are for use by permit only.
- Groups must not enter fields until their designated rental time.
- Minors may not enter fields without adult supervision.
- Groups must be clear of field by the designated rental time conclusion.
- Only players and coaches are permitted on fields. Spectators are to remain outside field perimeter and encroachment lines (where applicable) at all times.
- Equipment is not to be moved. This applies to all equipment in general and **goals** in particular.
- Do not play with, on or around equipment.
- Only that equipment which has been formally provided by MSF staff for each event is to be used. Idle equipment outside of field perimeters are off limits and must be left alone.

Natural grass fields

- There is no warm-up permitted in goal mouths. This is in order to best maintain the integrity of the surface for match play.
- Appropriate sized **goals** are provided for match play.
- Semi-permanent portable **goals** are properly anchored by MSF staff utilizing u-shaped ground stakes and are not to be moved or altered. In the event there is a problem with the equipment, please call the **MSF office at 301-528-1480** and alert staff immediately.
- **Goals** outside the perimeter of fields, which have not been provided for an event, are to be face down (crossbar and uprights flush to the ground).
- Parents must supervise children at all times to ensure they do no play with, on or around idle equipment.

Synthetic turf fields

- Appropriate sized **goals** are provided for league play.
- Regulation sized **goals** are provided for training sessions, clinics and developmental programs.
- Full field rentals are entitled to two **goals**, one on each endline in its typical location.
- Half field rentals are entitled to two **goals**, one on each sideline (full field) in its typical location for small-sided play.
- Semi-permanent portable **goals** are properly anchored by MSF staff utilizing saddlebags filled with sand. Each goal must have two saddlebags, each placed near the back of the base bars (those bars extending from the bottom of the two uprights and away from the goal on the ground) to prevent tipping. In the event there is a problem with the equipment, please call the **MSF office at 301-528-1480** and alert staff immediately.
- **Goals** outside the perimeter of fields, which have not been provided for an event, are to be face down (crossbar and uprights flush to the ground).
- If your event follows an event with an alternate field/**goal** configuration, the appropriate **goals**, with proper anchoring, will be set by MSF staff slightly outside their final designated resting place. In this instance, **adults** are permitted to slide the goals into (or out of place) and **MUST** ensure that goals are properly anchored, prior to commencing play.
- Parents must supervise children at all times to ensure they do not play with, on or around idle equipment.
- No food or drink, with the exception of water, is permitted on the turf fields. Sugary drinks such as Gatorade, Powerade, Vitamin Water, etc... are prohibited as they hasten the breakdown of the synthetic fibers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the above policies, please contact the MSF staff at 301-528-1480.

