

# Town of Yarmouth - By Law #72

## **BYLAW NO.72**

### **GUIDELINES FOR BALL FIELDS**

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#### TOWN BALLFIELD USE - OPERATING GUIDELINES

#### **Note 1:**

These guidelines are intended to maximize the use of all fields in a manner that will create the least number of conflicts amongst users, and adjacent residents. These guidelines are intended as a last resort to resolve conflicts: In the event of conflict, the Department may first attempt, in conjunction with the concerned teams or associations, to accommodate. In the event that a situation arises that is not clearly covered by this policy and the affected parties cannot agree on the proposed use, the Department may decide who shall use the field, and its decision shall be final.

- 1. List of Fields and Permitted Users:
  - Gateway: Senior, Intermediate, Oldtimers, Junior, Midget, Bantam
  - 2. Veterans: Senior, Intermediate, Oldtimers, Junior, Midget
  - 3. Mariners: Bantam, PeeWee, Mosquito, Softball
  - 4. Kempt St.: Softball, Pee Wee, Mosquito
  - 5. St. Ambrose: PeeWee, Mosquito, T-Ball
  - 6. Milton: Mosquito, T-Ball
  - 7. Travellers: PeeWee, Mosquito, T-Ball

High School ball would be accommodated at Gateway and Veterans fields in September.

- 2. List of Types of Uses
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  - 1. Playoff Tournaments - National, Atlantic, Provincial, District, Regional
  - 2. Rep League scheduled games
  - 3. Rep Team Tournaments
  - 4. House League scheduled games/tournaments
  - 5. Clinics
  - 6. Practices by (a) Rep teams and (b) House teams
  - 7. Ad Hoc Adult recreational games
- 3. Priority Use of Fields:
  - 1. First priority to book and use a Field for Playoff Tournaments, Rep League scheduled games, and Rep League Tournaments shall be in accordance with the order they appear in Part A above. Clinics have priority over practices. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all games and tournaments are accommodated.
  - 2. Schedules for playoff tournaments shall be submitted as soon as possible, but in some cases may not be known until a week before; there is no deadline for scheduling such tournaments. Priority shall be in the order set out above.
  - 3. Schedules for League games shall be submitted at the beginning of the season in the order or priority set out below. Bona fide changes in League

schedules may be accommodated by the Department after the start of the Season. Tournaments (non-playoff) shall be scheduled 30 days ahead, or the next Permitted User in priority may schedule one.

- 4. Gateway and Veterans fields: Senior ball has 1st priority for playoffs, league games, and tournaments, followed by Intermediate teams, then Juniors, then Midgets, then Oldtimers. Bantams (Rep and if not Rep then House) can book and use Gateway only when not booked by any of the other Permitted Users for playoffs, scheduled games, or tournaments. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated
- 5. Mariners field: Bantam Rep has 1st priority for playoffs, league games, and tournaments, followed by PeeWee Rep, then by Bantam House, then by PeeWee House. Mosquito and Softball tournaments may only be booked if field available after Bantam and PeeWee Playoffs, games and Tournaments. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated.
- 6. Kempt St. field: Softball has 1st priority, then PeeWee Rep, the Mosquito Rep, then PeeWee House then Mosquito House. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated.
- 7. St. Ambrose field: PeeWee Rep has 1st priority, then Mosquito Rep, then PeeWee House, then Mosquito House then T-ball. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated.
- 8. Milton: Mosquito Rep has 1st priority, the Mosquito House, then T-ball. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated.
- 9. Travellers: PeeWee Rep has 1st priority, then Mosquito Rep, then PeeWee and Mosquito House, then T-ball. Priority for practice times shall be in the same order, but after all other games and tournaments are accommodated.
- 4. Booking and Fees:
  - 1. All events shall be booked on the schedule book (or calendar) maintained at, and under the control of the Town Recreation Department. The schedule of games in a tournament shall be submitted to the Town Recreation Department at least one week beforehand.
  - 2. No games shall be booked or played on a field except by a Permitted User. Nothing in this policy prevents the use of the fields by the public for use at any unscheduled times but the Department reserves the right to stop any unreasonable use, or use that may cause damage to the facility or may interfere with scheduled events.
  - 3. The lights at Veterans and Mariners fields shall be turned off at 12:00 p.m. unless it is necessary to complete a tournament or scheduled League game involving visiting teams who must stay overnight away from their hometown. The User of Veterans and Mariners fields shall pay to the Town a fee of \$15.00 and 10.00 each, respectively, for each game played and practice held under the lights to help cover the power bill for the lights. (It is understood that the individual team, and not Yarmouth Minor Baseball Association, shall be responsible for this fee, in the case of teams registered under that Association). This fee is in addition to any other fee charged for the use of a field.
  - 4. Use of any field for Softball, Oldtimers, adult recreation, or other unnamed user, shall require payment of a fee, per game, at a rate equal to the rate charged by the Municipality for that use at the Hebron Recreation Complex (which at this time is \$15.00)
  - 5. Use of any field by a team registered under Yarmouth Minor Baseball Association shall be covered by the annual charge to that organization (which at this time is \$200.00 per year).
  - 6. Use of any field by a Senior or Intermediate team shall be at the rate of \$15.00 per game.

- 7. Rain out Dates: Rain cancellations will be accommodated as booking schedule permits. There are no guarantees. Team must reschedule their game through the Recreation Department.
- 8. No practice shall be scheduled within 1 ½ hours prior to any league game.
- 9. If lights are to be used, users must sign for a key to turn lights on and off and the key is to be returned the next day. Any misuse of lights or damage done to lights or any part of the facility during key sign out is the responsibility of the team.
- 10. A deposit of \$50.00 from each association will be required for a key to operate the lights at Veterans and Mariners fields. This deposit will be refunded at the end of the season providing each association has returned keys and have paid their fees for the season.