



### **Active Oval Softball Field Operating Rules**

1. Active Oval softball field users must abide by existing City ordinances as well as rules established by the Office of Parks and Piedmont Park Conservancy.
2. Use of the softball fields shall be for athletic activities only. Use of the softball fields in any other way that might unreasonable damage its appearance or its utility is strictly forbidden.
3. All first come, first serve usage must end immediately when a party with a reservation for that time period declares their presence and displays their approved reservation permit.
4. Unreserved use of all fields must take place during full daylight hours, and must comply with the Piedmont Park Conservancy and City of Atlanta rules.
5. No dogs or other pets are allowed on or inside the Active Oval running track.
6. Metal cleats are prohibited in all city of Atlanta Parks. No cleats are allowed by participants using the Active Oval running track.
7. Effective January 1, 2010, the wearing of cleats is allowed on the softball fields for permitted game day play only. Cleats are allowed on the soccer fields for permitted game day **soccer play** only. Cleats are not allowed for leisure play or practice play.
8. The Active Oval track and inside playing area will not be permitted for Special Sports Programs use when said event exceeds 2,500 people in a 24 hour period.
9. All permits issued for Active Oval use are limited to 12 hours duration which includes time for set up and strike. The strike must be completed by the park's closing time of 11pm unless directed otherwise by PPC's Chief Operating Officer or his designee due to poor weather conditions.
10. No more than two permitted Special Sports Programs may be held on the Active Oval in any one calendar month.
11. No amplified music is allowed on the Active Oval without a permit from the City of Atlanta.
12. Organizations permitted to use the Active Oval softball fields are, at the end of play or the end of their reserved time, responsible for removing equipment and for removing trash from the playing areas and sidelines and depositing trash in designated containers in Piedmont Park.

13. All sport-related equipment used on the Active Oval must be approved in advance by the Office of Parks and PPC's Chief Operating Officer or his designee.
14. Reservations made for ball fields are as is. Without regard for how the ball field may have been found at the beginning of any use, the eligible party who uses the ball field (with or without a reservation) will be responsible for ensuring the ball field is clean and orderly after use. All groups are to police fields and adjacent areas for litter and/or potential hazards prior to and at the conclusion of their scheduled permit time.
15. No vehicles larger than a golf cart are allowed on or inside the running track encircling the Active Oval. No driving or parking vehicles on turf, grass, and field areas is allowed in any City of Atlanta park.
16. The only electrical service allowed on the Active Oval is via existing outlets near the center arbor.
17. No tents, stages or portable restrooms are permitted on or within the Active Oval running track. However, hard surface areas outside the running track adjacent to the Active Oval have been identified and designated for these items.
18. No bleachers or other heavy seating equipment is allowed on or within the Active Oval track. Seating is limited to portable chairs that do not dig into the turf or other surfaces of the Active Oval.
19. No staking or digging is allowed on or within the Active Oval running track except for maintenance activities authorized by the Office of Parks or PPC's Chief Operating Officer or his designee.
20. No moonwalk, dunk tanks, or any equipment that calls for independent power is allowed in the Active Oval area.
21. No alcohol is allowed in the Active Oval at any time. It is illegal to have alcohol in a city park unless you have a permit given by the city of Atlanta.
22. No vending or selling of any sort is allowed in a City of Atlanta park without a permit given by the City of Atlanta.
23. No grilling is allowed inside the active oval. Grilling inside the park is allowed in designated areas only. At no time are portable grills allowed inside Piedmont Park.
24. Any sports league, group or organization permitted to use the Active Oval softball fields will be financially responsible for repair costs and restoration fees for any damage beyond reasonable wear to the Active Oval area or other areas of Piedmont Park. The amount charged for repairs and restoration will be proposed by PPC to the Office of Parks for approval in advance of billing. The damage deposit collected by PPC from the user at the time of their Active Oval reservation may be used in covering any approved repair and restoration fees.

25. The Commissioner may suspend the privilege of any organization to reserve time on the Active Oval for violations of ordinances or rules, or for other irresponsible actions of its participants that cause undue damage to the Active Oval or to other areas Piedmont Park. This may include cancellation, with or without refund, of remaining scheduled time on the Active Oval.
26. Permitted play or Special Sports Programs on the Active Oval are subject to cancellation by the Office of Parks or PPC Chief Operating Officer or his designee at any time during permitted play due to wet or unfavorable field conditions that will increase the likelihood of damage to the fields.
27. The Office of Parks or PPC Chief Operating Officer or his designee can close the entire Active Oval or portions of the Active Oval for maintenance purposes.
28. Festivals, charity events, film shoots and other Special Sports Programs can utilize the Active Oval in their site plan only if they abide by the Operating Rules and only if activities are sporting/athletic or passive in nature consistent with the normal ongoing use of the Active Oval in Piedmont Park.
29. Festivals, charity events, film shoots and other special sports events may not interrupt scheduled sports league play on the Active Oval.
30. Sports leagues or other organizations reserving Active Oval softball fields will be required to sign an agreement with PPC in advance of play, with the form of such agreement approved by PPC and the Office of Parks.
31. Fees to reserve time on the playing areas in the Active Oval for sports leagues or other organizations are approved by the Commissioner and payable to PPC.
32. Damage deposits will be equal to 25% of the reservation fee.
33. Fees and accompanying damage deposits must be paid to PPC in full in advance of each season of play in the case of organized sports leagues, or in advance of each permitted use by all other organizations.
34. PPC may bill and collect additional fees if the actual time used or the actual number of participants exceeds the time and participants scheduled when the permit is granted.
35. Fees to reserve time on the playing areas in the Active Oval do not include additional assessments for repairs and restoration of Piedmont Park necessary as approved by the Office of Parks as a result of permitted use on the Active Oval.
36. The Commissioner may deny a permit for reserving time on the Active Oval due to non-payment of prior Active Oval user fees or park repair/restoration fees.
37. No organized play is allowed in the following sports: Baseball (Softball is permitted), Golf, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Tackle football and Rugby. For information on locations where organized play for these sports is allowed, please call the City of Atlanta, Office of Parks and Recreation at 404.817.6766.

38. The PPC Chief Operating Officer or his designee will determine which sports are authorized for playing areas within the Active Oval running track based on wear patterns to promote the ongoing health of the playing surfaces.
39. There are no refunds for reserved play cancelled due to inclement weather or poor field/court playing conditions.
40. If fields are closed to play due to drought and City of Atlanta irrigation restrictions, fees will be refunded for the remainder of reserved days during which closure occurs.