

# Westampton Sports Complex

## Artificial Turf Field Rules: Flag Football League

To protect the new turf field surface and maximize the life of the field, Westampton Recreation asks that every coach, player, spectator, and parent be aware of the following rules & regulations for use of the new artificial turf field.

### General

Coaches/Parents are to ensure cleanup of field is done after each game. It is the responsibility of the coaches to clean up their bench area.

No spectators are allowed on the playing field at any time. Spectators can view the game from both end zones of the full football field, which is the sideline of the flag football field. Players' benches are on the 30-yard line, and only coaches and authorized personnel should be on the player's side. No spectators can be seated in the end zone of the flag football field.



1. Gated entrances are the only entrance/exit points on the field. Jumping over any fence is not authorized.
2. No animals (dogs or pets of any kind) are allowed.
3. No spitting.
4. Smoking and chewing tobacco are prohibited.
5. No picking or pulling of the grass fibers or infill material on the field.
6. No motorized vehicles or bikes unless ADA compliant.
7. Hitting or kicking balls into fences is prohibited.
8. Only Westampton Sports Complex-approved chairs are allowed. Otherwise, the chair legs may puncture the turf.

## APPROVED TURF CHAIRS



### PREFERRED CHAIR FOR TURF USE

Chairs with U-SHAPED legs are preferred for use on the TURF because they provide the most protection for the TURF.



### CHAIR APPROVED FOR TURF USE

Chairs with wide bases are required for use on the TURF because they provide sufficient protection for the TURF.



### CHAIR NOT APPROVED

Chairs without bases are **NOT ALLOWED** on the TURF. They provide **NO** protection and will puncture the TURF.

## **Food and Beverage**

1. Only water & sports drinks in non-breakable containers are permitted.
2. No glass containers or aluminum cans are permitted.
3. No food is permitted on the turf, including but not limited to gum, sunflower seeds, grapes, oranges, and nuts.

## **Turf Care**

1. Only freestanding field markers and sports equipment may be used on the turf surfaces. NO stakes, post, poles, or markers of any kind may be driven into the turf.
2. Marking, painting, or taping is strictly prohibited.
3. Substances that may stain the turf, such as ointments or sunscreen, must be applied outside the fenced area.
4. Tents are not permitted on the fields without Westampton Recreation Department approval.
5. Footwear on artificial turf fields must be molded-rubber cleats, turf shoes, or running shoes. Metal cleats and screw-in plastic cleats are not permitted. Footwear that has long blades, studs, or heels can puncture the turf, which can cause unnecessary wear and tear.

The following guidelines are APPRECIATED by all users:

1. Always lift and carry (DO NOT DRAG) chairs and equipment.
2. Please deposit all trash in trash receptacles PROVIDED.

## **Flag Football Weather Policy**

**If the forecast calls for rain throughout the day, we will send a message noting that the games are being canceled.**

**We will play in light-to-steady rain because the turf field has a good drainage system. Once the game starts, it will be up to the referee and head coaches to determine if the game should be canceled.**

**If thunder and/or lightning occurs, the game must be stopped for 20 minutes. If there are no other strikes in a 20-minute period, the game may resume depending on time of day.**

**If there is still any doubt and no message was sent or received, GO TO THE FIELD. A rainout may have to be called at the last minute by league officials.**

## **Protect the Turf from Physical Damage**

The field turf is a composite system consisting of synthetic grass fibers sewn into a mat. Between the fibers is a 1½-inch layer of small rubber pellets (infill). The rubber infill makes the grass stand up and is also the critical cushion between the player and the stone base beneath the mat. Foreign objects pose physical risks to the turf fibers, the mat, and the rubber infill.