



## School Start Time Task Force

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### General Information:

Recreation & Parks estimates that 28,000 children participate in sports each season.

Youth Sports Included:

*Football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, lacrosse, baseball, softball, cheerleading, basketball, wrestling and rugby.*

For an organization to utilize a facility/field, they must be accredited. Organizational Accreditation ensures compliance with departmental standards regarding access to public facilities. The purpose of Organizational Accreditation is to foster and facilitate the role of the Department in promoting and ensuring the quality of diversity of athletic and recreational programming in Anne Arundel County. Accreditation does not provide automatic access to Board of Education and/or Department of Recreation and Parks facilities/fields. An accredited organization demonstrates that it has met departmental standards and is eligible to access Board of Education and/or Department of Recreation and Parks facilities/fields, (does not include Regional Parks) using the facility scheduling process.

Recreation and Parks has 617 accredited groups

- 183 are Adult Athletic groups
- 131 are Youth Athletic groups

### Current Documents and Agreements

- Joint-Use Agreement, April 1, 1976
- Memorandum of Agreement, June, 2013
- Attachment "B" Turf fields, September 2007
- Guidelines and Reference Manual, Recreation and Parks, July 1, 2012
- Community Use of School Facilities, Anne Arundel County Public Schools

## **Permitted Winter Usage**

### *General Usage:*

Every gym is utilized. On the average, 10-20 children per hour use the Elementary School sized gyms and 15-30 children per hour use the Middle School/High School sized gyms.

- Elementary School and Middle School gyms (98)  
Monday – Friday  
Start time: 5:30-6:00pm  
End time: 9:30-10:00pm
- High Schools (12) gyms and cafeterias  
Monday – Friday  
Start time: 8:00pm  
End time: 10:00pm

Example: On a Monday night, 6:00-7:00pm, approximately 2,000 children practice basketball at county schools.

## **Permitted Fall/Spring Usage**

### *General Usage:*

A majority of the Board of Education fields are used every evening during the fall and spring. On the average, 15 children per hour utilize each field.

- Elementary School (138) and Middle School (58) fields  
Monday – Friday  
Start time: 5:00pm  
End time: 9:00pm
- High School (67) fields  
Monday – Friday  
Start time: 6:00-7:00pm  
End time: 9:00-10:00pm

Example: On a Monday night, 6:30-7:30pm, approximately 4,000 children are playing on Board of Education fields.