

Field Conflict Resolutions Policy

(ADOPTED 3/2015)

The Recreation Commission recognizes that each sport seeking the use of our fields have both a primary and a secondary playing season. The primary season for baseball and softball is the spring, while soccer's is the fall. This "understanding" is the basis for our policy regarding resolving all "pre-season" field scheduling conflicts between primary and secondary season sports.

Conflict = A day in which all scheduled games can't logistically be played on any given site given time and/or field considerations.

The TRC's policy, in this matter, is that the primary season program will take precedence for 2/3rds of all field use conflicts with the secondary season team receiving preference in 1/3 of the conflicts. Of note, the secondary season program will have the ability to select first on which date of conflict their field usage preference will be in effect. In other words, if there are three dates of conflict in the spring, baseball/softball will have the use of the fields for two of the dates and soccer the third. Additionally, soccer will have priority in selecting which of the three conflicted dates they will use the field. This policy does not come into play when there are (2) or less field conflicts in any given season. It is not until there is a third, sixth, ninth... conflict that the 2/3 ratio is put into play. The secondary season program must be prepared, at the meeting, to select the date(s) on which they intend to take precedence for field usage.

For this policy, a game day shall be 8:00am until 6:30 pm (or dark). A half day will be from 8:00am until 1:00pm. A half day is enough time to play minimally (2) softball/baseball games or (3) soccer games. If there is enough time to play the full allotment of games scheduled by a primary season program in half a day then the second half of the day is to be relinquished to the secondary season program for their games. On days when this policy is in effect each program has the entire half day to schedule their event(s) and can use the time as they see fit. For the Town Farm Upper Fields & Pocasset Fields, for safety sake of all leagues, we are asking that Baseball and Softball be played at the same half day (either Morning or Afternoon).

If conflicts still remain, the 2/3 ratio remains in effect in that the primary season team can select to play in the morning or afternoon on 2 of the 3 days, however, the secondary season team gets to choose for the 3rd and can do so first.

Of note: The morning session program must vacate the field at 1:00. The afternoon session team cannot enter the field of play until 1:15 unless the field is completely vacated or with the permission of the morning session team.