



BATTERY PARK CITY BALLFIELDS OVERVIEW

Ball Field Information

Covid-19 Update

The Battery Park City Authority will be following the New York State guidelines as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on your ability to hold events in our parks. We encourage you to review the guidelines available on New York Forward at www.forward.ny.gov to help ensure we prevent the spread of COVID-19. Both Mandatory and Recommended safety guidance is available on the NY Forward site for each type of event that is typically permitted in our parks. You are solely responsible for reviewing the applicable safety guidance and holding an event that complies with the guidance. The Authority will not accept applications that do not include an applicant's self-certification that their event plan complies with the guidance. Approval of a permit is subject to the NY Forward guidance and any other restrictions or requirements in federal, State and City laws, directives, and guidance insofar as it relates to the planned event. The COVID-19 emergency is a rapidly changing situation and we will keep you updated with the latest information as it pertains to any permit application that is submitted.

Overview:

Permits are required for certain activities in Battery Park City parks and need to be obtained in advance. These activities include, but are not limited to: group use of parks; organized gatherings or athletic events; wedding ceremonies and wedding photography; commercial film, television, or still photography and videos. Permits are recommended to ensure the safe and proper use of the parks. Public safety, park preservation and public access considerations have priority in issuing permits. All events require Certificates of Liability Insurance. Liability insurance must be in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per event and name BPCA as the "certificate holder" and BPCA, Battery Park City Parks Conservancy ("BPCPC"), and the City and the State of New York as "additional insured" parties. No cash is accepted. Applicants must submit payment by checks, credit cards or money orders prior to the issuance of a permit. BPCA and BPCPC reserve the right to schedule special events and maintenance that may require rescheduling of permitted activities, and to require anyone engaging in disorderly behavior or violating the following rules to leave the premises. All rules and regulations are designed for public safety, and to maintain and protect the artificial turf fields for everyone's enjoyment. In the event of inclement weather or poor field conditions, fields will be closed when determined necessary by BPCA and BPCPC.

Ball Field Hours

- **Spring, summer and fall season:** 8:00am to 9:00pm daily
- **Winter season:** 8:00am to 8:00pm daily
- Note: Hours are subject to weather conditions and other scheduled events

Application Process

Application submittal: Applications are accepted during the specific registration period for each specific season. Any application received prior to the start of the registration period will not be considered. To download an application please visit www.bpca.ny.gov or www.bpcparks.org. Applicants may also request or submit an application via email at ballfields@bpca.ny.gov. If there's availability after the registration period, applications may be accepted at the discretion of BPCA on a case by case basis.

Application review: Applications are reviewed in the order received by the Ball Field Coordinator ("Coordinator") for completeness. Incomplete applications will be returned to applicants and follow up will be conducted to obtain additional information as needed.

Permit Issuance: A permit will be issued if the requested field is available and upon receipt of the required fees and necessary documentation. Payment is required no later than 7 days prior to the start of the event. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of BPCA. Permits are mailed or may be picked up in person. If the requested field is not available, the Coordinator will notify the applicant by phone and email. The Coordinator will offer other dates if available at the time.

Changing or canceling a permit: All requests for changes must be submitted in writing. For cancellations, emails are acceptable if time sensitive. The Coordinator will review and update the ball field's calendar to reflect any changes or modifications as needed. If time allows, a revised permit may be issued via mail or be picked up in person.



Permit Fees (fees are based on 2 hour sessions):

Applicant Type	Youth Participants	Adult Participants
Schools	Free	\$200
Non-profits*/Government	\$25	\$200
For-profit or other entity not mentioned above	\$200	\$500

- Note: Discounted daily and seasonal rates may be available for groups with multiple permitted events in the same season. Any such seasonal rates quoted for multiple permitted events in one season will account for the type of entity applying, for profit or non-profit and youth or adult.

Types of payment accepted: Visa, Master Card, check or money order are accepted. Payments can be made in person or by mail payable to Battery Park City Authority, Attn: Ball Field Coordinator, 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, NY, NY 10281. Payments are not refundable.

BALL FIELD RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A permit is required for groups of 10 or more to use the ball fields. Smaller groups may use the ball fields when not in use for permitted activity/events and must follow all BPCPC and BPCA rules and regulations. Separate permits are required for each season.
- Permittees are responsible for cleaning up after their activity and ensuring fields are returned to their prior condition. Failure to properly clean up after a permitted activity will result in a \$50 fine each time.
- Permittees are required to use slow pitch softball wooden bats and softballs only. Slow pitch equipment may be loaned out by the Coordinator, if available. All equipment must be returned to the Coordinator following use of the fields.
- Closed toe shoes are required for all athletic activities.
- Turf Shoes are preferred for athletic activities. Round or oval shaped rubber cleats permitted - no less than ten (10) rubber cleats per shoe.
- Metal cleats, detachable cleats, and blade shaped cleats are prohibited.
- Solicitation or collection of contributions, sale of tickets, refreshments or merchandise, sale or distribution of handbills, posting, display or distribution of signs, and advertising or other material are prohibited at all times.
- Food, candy, gum, or beverages of any kind, except water, is not allowed on the artificial turf.
- No smoking, alcoholic beverages, cooking, barbecuing or golfing are permitted.
- The Ball Fields are a DOG FREE ZONE. No pets, including dogs, or other animals are allowed on the ball fields at any time.
- No bicycles, strollers or scooters are allowed on the artificial turf. Bikes must be stored at the racks on Warren and Murray Streets; they may not be left on the Ball Fields. Bikes may be walked on paved area only.
- No spectators may be on the turf at any time. Spectators must use the Terrace for viewing.
- Permit holders are responsible for all participants and spectators.
- Neither BPCA nor BPCPC is responsible for damaged or stolen personal property.



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- Permittee is liable for all damage or injury to property and / or persons that may occur or be caused during a permitted activity.
- Permittee must carry their issued permit at all times.
- The Ball Field lights are on an automated computer system and are set to turn off 5 min after the field's scheduled closing. All permit holders must return any borrowed equipment before the lights have gone out.

For more information, please visit www.bpca.ny.gov and www.bpcparks.org.
Questions may be emailed to ballfields@bpca.ny.gov.