

TOWN OF AVON PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAYING FIELDS GUIDELINES

The Town of Avon strives to present the persons of Avon with safe and secure playgrounds and playing fields. To that point, these guidelines have been promulgated.

Hours of Operations for the Playgrounds and Playing Fields:

Summers Hours: April 15th to October 30th; 8:00AM-8:00PM

Winter Hours: October 31st to April 14th; 8:00AM-4:00PM

THE TOWN OF AVON AT ITS SOLE DISRECTION MAY CHANGE OR ALTER DATES AND TIMES.

All persons using the playgrounds or playing fields must dispose of their trash properly.

The Town of Avon is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

No skateboarding, roller blading, bicycling, scooters, pets (unless service dogs), water balloons are allowed on or around the playgrounds or playing fields.

No golfing of any type is allowed on the playgrounds or playing fields.

No grilling, outdoor cooking, glass containers or breakable objects are allowed on the playing fields.

All persons on the property of the playgrounds or playing fields must conduct themselves in a courteous and safe manner. The Town of Avon reserve the right to remove any person from the playgrounds or playing fields that are not in compliance with playgrounds or playing fields guidelines.

Children under the age of ten, must have a parent or guardian present at all times they are using the playgrounds or playing fields.

Persons should be courteous to all other persons on the playgrounds and playing fields and limit their time of usage to a reasonable amount of time allowing other persons ample time to use the playgrounds and playing fields.

All persons must clear the playgrounds and playing fields when conditions for thunder or lightning are possible.

No alcohol or tobacco products, or vaping are permitted on the playgrounds or playing fields.

No association, group or sporting teams shall use the playing fields without a permit from the Town of Avon.

No fireworks of any type are allowed on the playgrounds or playing fields.

Face Coverings and Masks: Consistent with [Covid-19 Order 31: Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible](#), which requires persons to wear face coverings while in public places to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the Safer at Home Advisory issued by the Department of Public Health issued on May 18, 2020, all persons over the age of two must wear a face covering when they attend outdoor gatherings if the circumstances of the gathering could limit their ability to maintain at least six feet of distance from others, unless they are prevented from wearing a face covering by a medical or disabling condition. All persons are likewise advised to avoid close personal contact to prevent spreading the virus.

Group Size: No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assembly-guidance/download>

Social Distancing and Hygiene

- ❖ Persons using playgrounds, spray decks and outdoor fitness areas including playing fields must maintain 6 feet from all other persons.
- ❖ Playground, spray deck and outdoor fitness area including playing fields operators should post signage encouraging distancing and use of face coverings.
- ❖ Parents, guardians and other adults supervising children should monitor children at all times to ensure children maintain proper distancing and adhere to requirements for face coverings.
- ❖ Where possible, playground and outdoor fitness area, (including playing fields) operators or staff (if available) are encouraged to limit capacity to allow for social distancing. If the facility is unstaffed, parents and guardians will be required to seek alternative facilities if the playground or fields are crowded such that social distancing cannot be maintained.
- ❖ Children and adults who feel sick or are recovering from an illness may not visit the playground, or fields.
- ❖ Users shall abide by social distancing standards for bathroom lines and follow any established visual guidelines for maintaining a 6 feet distance in all restroom facilities.
- ❖ Restroom facilities, if available, should contain hand washing and/ or sanitizer stations, and the public should use these stations before and after the use of the facilities.
- ❖ After visiting public spaces, users should use wash their hands or use sanitizer.
- ❖ Playground and outdoor fitness area (including playing fields) managers are encouraged, if feasible, to modify play structures to encourage social distancing (such as removing swings or moving seating).

THE TOWN OF AVON OR ITS AGENTS ASSUME NO LIABILITY FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE USE OF THE PLAYGROUNDS OR PLAYING FIELDS.