

Appendix B – Use of Balls Mills Soccer Facility

The following rules and guidelines apply to any and all organizations that have obtained district permission for use of the Williamsport Area School District Balls Mills Soccer Facility and field turf:

1. Safety is the number one priority for all participants, spectators and visitors. Anyone who witnesses or observes an unsafe condition or event is asked to report it immediately to the Athletic Director, nearest security staff member or Williamsport Area School District employee at the event.
2. With the exception of plastic bottles of water, no sports drink, soda, coffee or beverages are permitted on the field turf.
3. No glass or metal containers of any type are permitted on the turf field – only plastic water bottles.
4. No food is permitted on the field turf or in any competition areas. Food is to be consumed only in the concession stand areas and the bleachers.
5. No gum chewing or use of tobacco products is permitted on the turf field or competition areas at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarette or cigars, smokeless tobacco products (i.e. “dip” or chewing tobacco, including tobacco packets). Additionally, the use of electronic cigarettes or vapor pipes is also prohibited on district property. This includes concession stand area, bleachers, restrooms, parking lots, automobiles or buses parked on district property.
6. No dogs or pets are permitted in the stadium or field turf at any time. Seeing eye dogs for the visually impaired visitors are permitted.
7. No tent stakes or sharp objects that could damage or penetrate the field turf are permitted. Examples of such items include, but are not limited to tent stakes, poles, tools, snow shovels, rakes or any similar objects which could damage the field turf.
8. No metal cleats of any type are permitted on the field turf. Additionally, the use of roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, bicycles, scooters or wagons (with the exception of district equipment carts for team managers or band front by district personnel) is prohibited.
9. Vehicles (motorized and non-motorized) are not permitted on the field turf at any time. Exceptions are limited to emergency personnel and district personnel rendering medical care or first aid to injured athletes or visitors at the discretion of the on-scene person in charge. Additionally, no forklifts, tractors, mowers or trailers are permitted on the field turf.

10. During athletic competitions, spectators are not permitted on the field. The Athletic Director or designated district representative in charge will have the authority to move spectators to and from the field turf for awards ceremonies, access for the news media, and similar situations. Prior to use of the facility, the Athletic Director and game/meet official in charge shall coordinate with PIAA or athletic officials for the setup and the use of the field turf and adjacent grass fields and/or pre-competition logistics to include location of emergency personnel and security/access control points to the turf field and grass soccer fields.
11. No portable grills are permitted in the stadium or soccer facility complex. This includes propane, electric or wood fired stoves or grills.
12. No portable electric heaters or fans are permitted on the turf field, in bleachers, press box or playing field areas.
13. Any use of electrical extension cords or electrical equipment by groups using the field turf or grass playing fields must be approved by the Athletic Director or district maintenance personnel on site prior to use. This also applies to groups requesting to use portable floodlights on the grass soccer fields.
14. No portable electrical generators are permitted on the field turf or on the grass soccer fields.
15. Setup of chairs or tables on the field turf must be reviewed with the Athletic Director or district personnel on site prior to use.
16. No weapons are permitted on school district property in any location. The use of pyrotechnics, smoke generators, open flame devices including candles, laser pointers, matches, flares or any similar devices is prohibited.
17. The possession, use or sale of any alcoholic beverages of any type is prohibited on school district property including all areas of the stadium complex, parking lots and competition areas. Violators will be prosecuted.
18. All participants and spectators will be expected to follow precautions and instructions of district personnel and PIAA officials when competitions are suspended due to weather emergencies (i.e. lightning, thunderstorms, etc.).
19. The use of the turf field and grass soccer fields must be scheduled through the Athletic Director's office and officially approved by the district administration prior to use.