

# **Aurora Sports Park**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

# 1. Is free parking available?

Parking is available on-site at Aurora Sports Park at no charge. We do recommend that you arrive early for your scheduled game or event. We do not permit overnight parking. Accessible parking is available in areas around each field platform.

#### 2. Can I bring a canopy or tent?

Shade canopies and tents are permitted at Aurora Sports Park. Staking down of canopies or tents is not permitted. Please use base weights or other means to weigh down your shade structure.

#### 3. Are dogs permitted?

Dogs are not permitted on our synthetic turf fields or inside the gated softball/baseball complexes. Dogs are permitted outside of the gated softball/baseball complexes on natural grass areas as long as they are on a leash at a maximum length of 10 feet. Service dogs are welcome in all locations throughout the park. Please be kind and pick up after your dog. Clean-up stations are located throughout the park.

#### 4. Do all fields have lights?

We currently have field lights on the North platform as well as the B and C baseball/softball complexes. We do not have field lights on East and West platforms or on the A Complex.

## 5. Can I reserve a shelter or picnic area?

All shelters and picnic areas are on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not issue permits for shelters and picnic areas at Aurora Sports Park.

## 6. Are concessions available?

Aurora Sports Park holds contracts with two local food and beverage vendors for onsite concessionaire options. These vendors service select tournaments only.

# 7. What are the park hours?

Aurora Sports Park is open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. If there are scheduled events or permitted rentals, the park may remain open later than 3 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, the hours of operation vary depending on scheduled events and tournaments.

## 8. Is alcohol permitted?

Alcohol is not permitted at Aurora Sports Park during scheduled athletic events. We appreciate your help and understanding. Glass containers are also not permitted at the park.

#### 9. Does Aurora Sports Park offer warm-up areas for teams prior to games?

Teams may utilize unused space within their permitted and designated playing fields for warm-ups. It is recommended that tournaments and leagues schedule in time so that teams can warm-up on their game field prior to the game start. Tournaments can request and pay for additional warm-up space, if necessary. We do not permit live batting practice in any areas outside of the baseball/softball complexes to be considerate towards other sports and events along with maintenance staff.

#### 10. Is there a lost and found?

Aurora Sports Park is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Our goal when finding lost items is to return them to the league or tournament organizer. If a sports ball is lost on top of a building, please do not try to climb up to retrieve it. You will need to wait for Parks Staff to retrieve during the weekday and return to you.

#### 11. Are wheel sports permitted?

Bikes, scooters, hover boards, roller blades and skateboards are not permitted inside the gated baseball and softball complexes. They are, however, welcome in other areas of the park. ATVs, dirt bikes and any motorized vehciles are not permitted on any fields at Aurora Sports Park.

## 12. Is spectator seating available?

We have bleacher seating around our baseball and softball fields but do not provide seating around our multi-purpose fields on the East, West and North platforms. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

#### 13. Is practicing allowed at Aurora Sports Park?

We currently do not permit the multi-purpose grass fields, baseball or softball fields for weekday or weekend practices. These fields are reserved and maintained for league and tournament play only. We do have four synthetic turf fields that are available for rent to hold your practice or training sessions. These fields accommodate soccer, football and lacrosse. For turf field rental information, please call 303.326.8716 or email ptsmith@auroragov.org.

# 14. How is inclement weather monitored? How and when will we be notified of delays or cancellations?

The city of Aurora takes inclement weather and lightning with extreme caution. City of Aurora Site Supervisors are the designated weather watchers. The Site Supervisor will monitor incoming weather using the Spark Lightning Alert of the city-endorsed WeatherBug app. When lightning is detected within 10 miles of the facility (as indicated by the Spark Lightning Alert on the WeatherBug app) or if thunder is heard, the Site Supervisor will immediately notify facility staff and tournament/league directors onside that activities are suspended. At this time, Site Supervisors will also announce using the PA system that activities are suspended and participants and spectators should move to enclosed vehicles. The facility will be on a 30-minute

delay on a clock that resets every time new lightning is detected within 10 miles. Once 30 minutes has passed without lightning or thunder, the Site Supervisor will notify all site staff, tournament/league directors and participants that play can resume.