

Park Permitting

Use of Department of Recreation and Parks fields for organized activities is by permit only. This is not meant to discourage or prohibit neighborhood residents from using an available field. Examples of an organized activity would be a team holding practices, games or tournaments. Use of a field for activities such as kite flying, a parent playing catch with a child or neighborhood kids playing ball is not considered organized activities.

Permits are granted by the Park and Recreation commission at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. One day permits may be approved by the Director of Park and Recreation. Permits are due two months before scheduled start date.

The Dedham Park and Recreation Department permits the following school fields Greenlodge, Capen, Riverdale, Oakdale, Pool field and Lowen field. Elementary school permits will not be approved before 4pm when school is in session unless specific permission from the principal is granted.

Spring permits are typically granted on the second Monday of February
Summer permits are typically granted on the second Monday of May
Fall Permits are typically granted on the second Monday of August.

General Permitting Priority guidelines

1. Dedham High School teams and all Dedham Public Schools have priority during the school year. Varsity games shall be played to completion.
2. Dedham Recreation Programs, Dedham Youth Organizations, Dedham Town Leagues and Sports Organizations, Monday – Friday after 5:00 pm, are defined as any organization that is requesting one or more fields for four or more dates during a specific season. Rosters must contain at least 85% Dedham Residents under the age of 18.
3. Private and Parochial schools located within the Town of Dedham Monday – Friday until 5:00 PM during the school year.
4. Dedham Adult organizations.
5. Field rental to private organizations

**** Dedham Park and Recreation may ask for league rosters to help resolve field request conflicts.