

CITY OF WORCESTER

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City of Worcester DPW & Parks - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division Permit Priority Tiers

Tier 1 Priority Use:

- DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division sponsored programs and events.
- City of Worcester Public School Department Use:
 - High School sanctioned athletic teams (soccer, softball, lacrosse, baseball, football, street hockey, tennis, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, cheering, and track and field) games and practices.

Tier 2 Priority Use:

- DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division Youth Sports Organizations
 - Little Leagues, Youth Soccer, Youth Lacrosse, Youth Softball, Youth Baseball, Youth Basketball, Youth Football, Youth Street Hockey, Youth Cheering.

Tier 3 Priority Use:

- DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division Tournaments Youth Leagues
 - Teams with 75% or more participants who fit our residency definition.

Tier 4 Priority Use:

- City of Worcester Departments and Divisions (i.e. City Administration, Elderly Services, Police Dept, etc)

Tier 5 Priority Use:

- City of Worcester Adult Leagues
 - Teams with 75% or more participants who fit our residency definition.

Tier 6 Priority Use:

- DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division organizations, businesses, groups, teams and single use permits.
- Non-resident organizations, businesses, groups, teams and single use permits. Note: If two request are placed at the same time for a permit, priority will be give to the City of Worcester applicant. Verification of residency may be requested to ensure fair priority issuance.

When two or more permit holders are applying for the same park, field or facility, priority will be give to the traditional sport in season.

- Fall: Football, Soccer, Field Hockey, Rugby, Cheering
- Spring:
 - Little League, Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, Soccer (at limited facilities)
- Summer: Baseball, Softball, Soccer (at limited facilities), Basketball

Permits will not be issued due to the following conditions:

- There is scheduled maintenance, restoration, improvements or hazardous conditions.
- The Commissioner of DPW & Parks or his designee has not formally opened the parks, fields or facilities for the season.
- Due to inclement weather or flooding.

Factors that assist in the decision to grant a permit:

- Past history of the permit applicant with the City of Worcester, DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division.
- Past history of the permit applicant being a good neighbor to the surrounding community.
- Past history of the permit applicant complying with city, state, league and DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division's policies.

Any group, organization, league or individual using parks, fields or facilities without an authorized permit risk disciplinary action by the DPW & Parks, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division and may lose the privilege of future use. Permits are not guaranteed from season to season.

Approved by Parks & Recreation Commission

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