

MORRIS TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

2023 CORNINE FIELD USE GUIDELINES

The Cornine Field synthetic turf facility is Morris Township's premier athletic facility dedicated for the support of recreational youth sports programming for Township sponsored activities, and for non-profit organizations hosting youth sports and athletics for Morris Township residents.

The facility consists of one Multi-Purpose field with permanent sports lining for Football, Soccer, Girls Lacrosse and Boys Lacrosse. An adjacent practice zone provides practice-only space, with permanent lining for baseball and softball activities along with unlined space for general youth sports practice activities.

General Use Guidelines for Cornine Field:

- 1.) Programs sponsored by the Morris Township Department of Parks and Recreation shall have priority on scheduling.
- 2.) The Township will support access to the field for activities of the Morris School District during the school year on weekdays before 5:00 pm.
- 3.) The Morris Township Department of Parks and Recreation has identified the following youth serving sports and athletics organizations as primary non-profit youth sports users of Cornine Field:
 - a. Morristown Wildcats – Football and Cheerleading Programs – Practices and Games
 - b. Colonials Junior Lacrosse – Boys Program – Practices and Games
 - c. Lady Colonials Lacrosse – Girls Program – Practices and Games
 - d. Morris United Soccer Club – Recreation, Development and Town Travel Programs
 - e. Morristown Area American Little League – Practices
 - f. Morristown National Little League – Baseball and Girls Softball Programs – Practices
 - g. Colonials Junior Field Hockey Club – Girls Program – Practices and Games
 - h. Morristown Grapplers Club – Conditioning practices/Non-contact
- 4.) The Township will support partnership weekday use of Cornine Field before 5:00 pm with Morris Township based private schools and universities in exchange for comparable no cost use of their facilities for recreation programming and community events.
- 5.) Independent youth sports teams may apply for use of the facilities at Cornine Field. Teams must submit rosters with player addresses and shall have a minimum of 50% of the players with residences within Morris Township.
- 6.) Organizations requesting to use facilities at Cornine Field shall follow all formal reservation procedures and requirements adopted by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 7.) Organizations holding permits for use of Cornine Field shall follow all posted rules and regulations for Township facilities and shall strictly enforce special use and conduct rules for Cornine Field. Failure to follow and enforce rules of conduct may result in cancellation of permit.

- 8.) Cornine Field will open for use on the third full week of March through November 30th. The Department of Parks and Recreation may adjust seasonal use as required based on weather and/or maintenance requirements.
- 9.) The hours of use of Cornine Field are 8:00 am to 9:45 pm daily. Field lighting will shut off at 10:00 pm. Games or practices must conclude by 9:45 pm to allow time for departure from the field.
- 10.) The Department of Parks and Recreation will annually review requests for field space at Cornine Field from the above identified primary user organizations to seek a balance of use based on historic use and development of Cornine Field, number of participants, availability of other recreational fields, and supporting maintenance requirements.
- 11.) Fees:
 - a.) The Township of Morris will schedule the use of Cornine Field for the above identified organizations for recreational practices and games with no anticipated Field Use fees in 2023. A Security Deposit may be required for Seasonal use. A fee may be imposed for portable sanitation units. This fee policy includes use of field lighting. **The Fee Policy is subject to change by the Morris Township Committee without advance notice.**
 - b.) Requests to use Cornine Field for special events or tournaments by the above-named organizations shall be subject to the Township's general use fees, plus a \$100.00 per hour charge for field lighting.
 - c.) The Township of Morris Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to modify the fee guidelines for use of Cornine Field as required for safety, security and special maintenance requirements.

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