



# PARK UTILIZATION

City of Malden

## FIELD SPACE OVERVIEW

UTILIZATION

FIELD LIMITATIONS

EXPECTATIONS



# UTILIZATION: SCHEDULING

Scheduling of the athletic fields and recreational facilities are prioritized as follows:

- Malden Public Schools Use:
  - High School sanctioned athletic team games and practices
- Malden Recreation Department sponsored programs, services, activities, and special events.
- Malden Youth Sports Organizations – Nonprofit
  - Youth Baseball, Youth Soccer, Youth Lacrosse, Youth Softball, Youth Field Hockey, Youth Basketball, Youth Football/Cheering
- Malden Adult Sport Leagues/Associations (50% or more Malden Residents. Team Roster must be provided complete with names and addresses, which may be verified)
- Malden Neighborhood Associations, Non-profit and Charitable Organizations
- Malden Businesses and Companies
- Non-resident organizations, businesses, groups, teams
- Single Day use permits will be prioritized for Malden Residents



# MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	PARKS USED
BEEBE	WALLACE PARK
FERRYWAY	NEWMAN FIELD
FORESTDALE	FORESTDALE PARK
LINDEN STEAM	HUNTING FIELD
SALEMWOOD	ROOSEVELT PARK

PARK USAGE IS CALCULATED USING 120 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER FACTORING IN COLD WEATHER, HOLIDAYS AND RAIN OUTS.

EACH PARK IS USED ON AVERAGE 480 HOURS BETWEEN RECESS AND GYM CLASS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

## UTILIZATION: RECOMMENDED FIELD USE

### Contributors for Natural Grass

- Adequate drainage
- Type of grass selected
- Restricting field use, when necessary
- Dedicated maintenance, based on field needs

**Table 1. Expected Field Condition Based on Hours of Field Use per Year**

<b>Expected Field Condition</b>	<b>Field Use (Hours per Year)</b>
Sustained good field conditions	200 hours or less
Good field conditions with some thinning of the turf and localized wear areas	400 to 600 hours
Fair field conditions; expect significant thinning and wear.	800 to 1,000 hours
Significant turf loss, field surface damage, increased potential for athlete injury	More than 1,000 hours

# MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SPRING PARK & HOURS	SPRING SPORTS	FALL PARK & HOURS	FALL SPORTS
<p>PINE BANKS M – F / 3-6:30PM (Shared with Melrose)</p>	<p><b>Girls/Boys Varsity Lacrosse</b> Games &amp; Boys Practice <b>JV/V Baseball</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>	<p>PINE BANKS M – F / 3-6:30PM (Shared with Melrose)</p>	<p><b>JV/V Girls Soccer</b> Games <b>F/JV/V Boys Soccer</b> Practice &amp; Games <b>JV/V Field Hockey</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>
<p>MACDONALD STADIUM M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>Girls/Boys Varsity Lacrosse</b> Games &amp; Girls Practice <b>Outdoor Track and Field</b> Practice &amp; Meets <b>MS Outdoor Track and Field</b> Practice &amp; Meets</p>	<p>MACDONALD STADIUM M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>V Girls/Boys Soccer</b> Games <b>JV/V Football</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>
<p>CALLAHAN PARK M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>V Softball</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>	<p>LINDEN STEAM HUNTING FIELD M – F / 3-6:00PM</p>	<p><b>MS Baseball</b> Games <b>JV Girls Soccer</b> Practice</p>
<p>LINCOLN COMMONS M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>JV Softball</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>	<p>CALLAHAN PARK M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>MS Softball</b> Practice &amp; Games</p>
<p>AMERIGE PARK- TENNIS COURTS M – F / 3-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>Girls/Boys JV/V Tennis</b> Practice &amp; Meets</p>	<p>DEVIR PARK LARSON FIELD M – F / 3-6:00PM</p>	<p><b>JV/V Girls Soccer</b> Practice <b>MS BASEBALL</b> Practice</p>

# MALDEN RECREATION

Availability of activities and sports offered vary from year to year

Use of field space is primarily scheduled for summer and weekend hours on grass to allow youth organizations to run their programs during peak season hours.

PARK	ACTIVITIES
MACDONALD STADIUM	Pre-K & Youth Basketball, Youth Track, Volleyball, Running Club, Seasonal Sports Clinics, Youth & Adult Soccer, Youth Open Gym
HOWARD	Youth Tennis, Baseball Clinics
MAPLEWOOD PARK	Youth Baseball Clinics
COYTEMORE LEA	Basketball Leagues
MILLER PARK	Youth Basketball
PINE BANKS	Girls Softball Practice & Games
CALLAHAN PARK	Girls Softball Practice & Games
WAITT'S MOUNT	Adult Yoga
LINDEN PARK	Adult Fitness

# PINE BANKS PARK

## PINE BANKS PARK - SPRING SCHEDULE

### BB2/SF1 TURF (Lights)

Weekday Hours 20 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 8</u>	<u>Melrose - 8</u>	<u>Shared - 4</u>
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 12</u> <u>Melrose - 10</u>		

### BB1/SF3 GRASS (Lights)

Weekday Hours 20 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 8</u>	<u>Melrose - 8</u>	<u>Shared - 4</u>
Weekend Hours 28 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 6</u> <u>Melrose - 12</u>		

### RF1 TURF (Lights)

Weekday Hours 13 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 5</u>	<u>Melrose - 5</u>	<u>Shared - 3</u>
Weekend Hours 14 Hours/wk	<u>Week 1</u> <u>Malden - 10</u> <u>Melrose - 4</u>	<u>Week 2</u> <u>Malden - 6</u> <u>Melrose - 8</u>	

### SF2/TF1 GRASS (No Lights)

Weekday Hours 10 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 4</u>	<u>Melrose - 6</u>	
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 12</u> <u>Melrose - 12</u>		

### SB1 Grass (Lights)

Weekday Hours 20 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 8</u>	<u>Melrose - 8</u>	Shared - 4
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	Malden - 7 Melrose - 2		

## PINE BANKS PARK - FALL SCHEDULE

### BB2/SF1 TURF (Lights)

Weekday Hours 15 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 3</u>	<u>Melrose - 12</u>	
Weekend Hours 10 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 5</u> <u>Melrose - 5</u>		

### BB1/SF3 GRASS (Lights)

Weekday Hours 15 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 6</u>	<u>Melrose - 9</u>	
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 12</u> <u>Melrose - 12</u>		

### RF1 TURF (Lights)

Weekday Hours 15 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 6</u>	<u>Melrose - 6</u>	<u>Shared - 3</u>
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 4</u> <u>Melrose - 2</u>		

### SF2/TF1 GRASS (No Lights)

Weekday Hours 15 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 6</u>	<u>Melrose - 9</u>	
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 8</u> <u>Melrose - 10</u>		

### SB1 Grass (Lights)

Weekday Hours 15 Hours/wk	<u>Malden - 6</u>	<u>Melrose - 2</u>	
Weekend Hours 24 Hours/wk	Malden - 0 Melrose - 0		

\*Allotted hours above, do not include High School Hours



# YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS: MALDEN YOUTH SOCCER

Field	Lights	Surface	Best Case Practice Use	Game Use	Avg Yearly Use (Spring & Fall)
Amerige Park Field	No	Grass	4 Grade 34 teams	Grade 34 games	370
Devir Park – Larsen Field as 9v9 or as 11v11	No	Grass	2 grade 56 or 2 Grade 78 teams	Grade 56 or 78 games	320
Linden as 9v9	Manual	Grass	2 grade 56	Grade 56 games	300
Howard	Yes	Turf	2 Grade 78 teams	Grade 78, 910, 11+	240
Maplewood	Yes	Turf	2 Grade 78 teams	Not Regulation Size	130
Macdonald Stadium	Yes	Turf	2 Grade 78 teams	Grade 78, 910, 11+	300
PB SF1	Yes	Turf	2 Grade 78 teams	Grade 78, 910, 11+	100
PB SF2 Track Spring	No	Grass	3 Grade 56 teams (Spring) 2 Grade 78 teams (Fall)	Grade 56 games	170
PB SF3 grass	Yes	Grass	2 Grade 56 teams	Grade 56 games	70
PB RF1	Yes	Turf	2 Grade 78 teams	Grade 78, 910, 11+	260

MYSA Team Breakdown	Max/Roster	Practice Length	2023 Spring Team Count	2022 Fall Team Count
Grade 3/4	15	1:30	11	11
Grade 5/6	18	1:30	7	7
Grade 7/8	22	1:30	6	6
Grade 9/10	22	1:30	4	NA
Grade 11+	22	1:30	2	NA
		<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>



## SCHEDULED HOURS - FALL 2022 & SPRING 2023

Park	<i>Public User Schools</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Youth Recreation Soccer</i>	<i>Youth Baseball</i>	<i>Babe Ruth</i>	<i>Pop Warner</i>	<i>Malden Catholic</i>	<i>MVR Charter School</i>	<i>Other Users</i>	<i>Total Hours /Park</i>	
Amerige Park - Field			370						27	<b>397</b>	
Amerige Park - Tennis Courts		172								<b>172</b>	
Callahan Park		178	56						21	<b>255</b>	
Coytemore Lea Park			84						241	<b>325</b>	
Devir Park – Larsen Field			92						61	<b>153*</b>	
Forestdale Park	480			296						<b>776</b>	
Howard - Rotundi Field		6	8	240	21	106	377	362	64	<b>1,184</b>	
Howard - Tennis Courts							156	212	87	<b>455</b>	
Kierstead Park				338						<b>338</b>	
Lincoln Commons – Anderson Field		159		195					50	<b>404</b>	
Linden Park - Hunting Field	480		300				159		320	<b>1,259</b>	
MacArthur Park – Choppa Field				391					12	<b>403</b>	
Macdonald Stadium		525	261	300		42			18	<b>1,146</b>	
Maplewood		10	2	130	25	50	100	496	306	<b>1,119</b>	
Newman Field	480								15	<b>495</b>	
Pine Banks - BB1/SF3			70		60					<b>130</b>	
Pine Banks - BB2/SF1		195	100		69					<b>364</b>	
Pine Banks - RF1		195	260			30				<b>485</b>	
Pine Banks - SB1			60		80					<b>140</b>	
Pine Banks - SF2 -Track			170							<b>170</b>	
Roosevelt Park	480								155	<b>635</b>	
Wallace Park	480									<b>480</b>	
	<b>2,400</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>11,285</b>

\*Devir Park Hours for Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 total 579, not including high school use

# FIELD LIMITATIONS

## MULTI-LEVEL SUPPORT

Adequate space is needed to support multiple levels of play to expand and grow programming across various sports. Weather conditions cause a ripple affect on all users making it challenging to re-schedule games without affecting other programming.

## PINE BANKS LIMITED USE

Between sharing space with Melrose and being displaced during game times, there is no opportunity for expanding on this site. RF1 has limited hours imposed by the Board.

## MULTI-SPORT PLAYING FIELDS

Finding quality coaches is always a challenge. Without adequate and safe playing fields to support multiple levels of play and various sports, along with time restraints, we are losing coaches to other districts.

## COMPETITION

Competing with two other high schools within the city for the same students is difficult without the ability to offer a robust athletic program at the middle, freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels.

# EXPECTATIONS

## REALISTIC ON FIELD TIME

An updated field, would provide a greatly improved sporting experience for our student athletes who are sharing space with other sports teams. This would permit additional offerings of sports programs to Middle School and Freshman high school levels that currently can not be sustained due to the limited space. Including but not limited to soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. This robust programming strategy will allow services to residents from a young age and will help retain student athletes as they progress to the high school level.

## ACCESSABILITY

Adding a multi-sport turf field, allows for increased usability throughout the year. Students of all ages in grades K-12 will greatly benefit from the increased time engaged in physical activity including but not limited to: recess, physical education class, youth, middle and high school athletics. Exercise and consistent access to physical activity can help to reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety, improve mood and self-esteem, and promote overall mental and emotional well being.

## CITY GRASS

Like other Cities, Malden would be able to temporarily move resident-users off grass fields to provide relief to the grass. This would assist with new projects and commitments to revitalize grass fields.