

MISSION STATEMENT

The Town of Danville, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Contra Costa County (R-7A), and the Sports Alliance have joined together to:

- Serve the residents of our communities by providing safe, attractive, and well-maintained sports fields
- Ensure that opportunities are available for youth and adults to participate in organized sports activities
- Cooperate in providing for equitable use of the fields by all park users
- Use the facilities responsibly and respect the needs of our park neighbors, and
- Work as a team in providing service to the community

INTRODUCTION

The Sports Alliance is a collaborative group made up of the youth and adult sports leagues that use athletic fields in Danville and Alamo and is supported by the Town of Danville, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, and Contra Costa County (R-7A).

The Sports Alliance's role is to coordinate the use of sports fields by Sports Alliance members, as reflected in the one year Master Schedule of field reservations, and to provide Sports Alliance members with the following:

- An opportunity to pursue positive communication between the Town, School District, County, Sports Alliance members, participants, and Danville residents
- Information on use guidelines so coaches, parents, and participants can ensure adherence to them
- A forum to seek creative ways to address issues of common concern
- Opportunities to support and enhance sports field development and maintenance
- **Sports Alliance leagues are responsible for ensuring their coaches/managers, players, referees, umpires, and spectators comply with sports field/facilities use policies.**

The Town of Danville, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, and Contra Costa County (R-7A) maintain sports fields and adjacent areas and manage field renovation projects. Additionally, the Town provides support by managing the Master Schedule for reserved use of sports fields by all users, and collecting fees related to sports field use. Field availability can be checked at the Town's website @ www.danville.ca.gov by clicking on "Parks and Facilities", followed by "Facilities" and finally "Check Facility Rental Availability".

The Sports Alliance meets quarterly in January, April, July and October to monitor sports field use, communicate field maintenance issues, and consider upcoming sports field development/renovation projects. The Sports Alliance conducts extra meetings as necessary to develop the one year Master Schedule.

Current members of the Sports Alliance are:

- Danville Adult Soccer
- Danville Amateur Youth Baseball
- Danville Little League
- Danville Oaks Rugby Football Association
- Danville Youth Baseball
- Diablo Scorpion Lacrosse
- Mustang Soccer
- San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League
- San Ramon Valley Little League
- San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds Football
- Tassajara Valley Little League-American
- Tassajara Valley Little League-National

FIELD USE GUIDELINES

Natural turf sports fields are open March 1 through November 30. Sports Alliance members pay hourly fees for field use. A certificate of insurance naming the Town, School District, and Contra Costa County (R-7A) as additional insureds is required before field use is allowed. Invoices are distributed monthly and payments are due by the **15th** of the following month.

Camps, clinics, training, and tournaments are not part of regular season play. Field time for these activities needs to be requested in advance. If approved, these events are reserved/scheduled and paid for separately.

The **snack shacks** at Diablo Vista and Sycamore Valley Parks must be reserved in advance through the Town of Danville. A fee is charged totaling 20% of the gross revenue, and needs to be paid to the Town no later than two weeks after the event. **Only pre-packaged foods** can be sold through the Town's snack shacks per Contra Costa County Health Department regulations.

Natural turf sports fields are closed annually for a winter use moratorium December 1 through February 28 to rest the fields and allow for necessary deferred maintenance and renovation activities to be performed. **No organized league or tournament play is scheduled nor allowed during the moratorium on natural turf fields.**

Spring season tryouts need to be scheduled on synthetic turf fields or black top areas at the schools. Use of synthetic turf sports fields is allowed year round.

Town and School District officials may close sports fields after evaluating the fields for the following reasons:

- Current condition of the field as it relates to safety and playability (standing water, puddles or muddy conditions)
- Current weather conditions
- Forecasted weather conditions
- Current condition of the field
- Long-term effect or impact of use to the fields
- Unforeseen maintenance repairs or hazards

To confirm the status of Town/School District/County maintained fields, call the Danville Sports Field Information line at (925) 314-3484. This message is updated during periods of inclement weather **by noon on weekdays** and by **7:00 a.m. on weekends**. The Sports Field Information line is available 24 hours a day and gives the most current information. You may contact the School District during normal business hours Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at (925) 824-0267. You may also refer to the School District web site at: www.srvusd.k12.ca.us under “DISTRICT” Policies and Regulations, BP 1330, AR 1330 and 1330 E (fee schedule) regarding field use and closures.

Other field use requirements

1. **All fields, including those improved by individual leagues, are available for use by the general public.** Reserved use of sports fields by individual and group private renters must be honored. Sports Alliance and School District user groups need to be physically on the fields only at their designated times. Casual, drop-in use of the fields by the general public is allowed when the facilities have not been previously reserved.
2. Use of fields
 - Sports leagues may start games **no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Sunday at community parks** (Sycamore Valley, Diablo Vista and Osage Station).
 - At **Sycamore Valley Park**, games may be scheduled **no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Sundays on the east side of Sycamore Valley Park. Parking is not permitted in the East Bay Fellowship Church’s parking lot on Saturdays after 5:00 p.m. or at any time on Sundays.** Parking is allowed in the Town’s parking lot next to the Town Service Center.
 - **Sports league games cannot start before 9:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday at school parks** (Baldwin, Diablo Vista Middle, Greenbrook, Green Valley, Los Cerros Middle, Montair, Monte Vista, Rancho Romero Elementary, Stone Valley Middle, Tassajara Hills Elementary and Vista Grande).
 - At **Green Valley School**, only softball can be played on the west field.

- At **Montair School**, only softball can be played on the ball diamond.

3. Parking

- Use designated parking stalls only. It is illegal to park in, or otherwise block, red zones, driveways, pathways/trails, emergency vehicle routes, or turf areas. **Violators will be cited.**
- Under no circumstances can the **East Bay Fellowship Church parking lot at Sycamore Valley Park be used after 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays or anytime on Sundays** by sports field users or spectators.
- At **Sycamore Valley Park**, **do not park** at the Sycamore Day School's loading/unloading area near Field #1. **Violators will be cited and/or towed.**
- At **Green Valley School**, sports field users and spectators must park in the Diablo Road and McCauley Road parking lots. **No parking is allowed on El Cajon.**

4. Field light requests

- All requests for lighting at sports fields are incorporated into the given field reservation request and are based upon the Master Schedule.
- All changes to field lighting requests are done by using the League's user code and password through the Control-Link system with MUSCO Lighting.
- Lights can only be turned off or extended if the League has the field reserved.
- **Light requests can not extend beyond 10:00 p.m.**
- The contact phone number for Control-Link is 1-877-347-3319.

5. Safety and property issues

- Only one type of sports activity can be scheduled per field or turf area at a time. Different sports are not allowed to share the same field or turf area.
- Tennis and basketball courts have surfaces designed specifically for those sports and damage occurs when they are used for other activities - tennis courts are to be used for tennis only, and basketball courts are to be used for basketball only.
- No one is to enter private property without the owner's permission to retrieve sports equipment, personal belongings or for any other purpose.
- Avoid activities that damage private or public property (i.e., hitting balls against fences, hanging objects from the backstops, or walking through or removing landscaping).
- Blacktop areas at school sites are not to be used for parking.
- **Use of batting cages must be within the field use specified time periods** and guidelines noted on the signage at each site. **No music is allowed** when using these facilities. **Loss of use privileges will be invoked** on those that fail to follow these guidelines.
- Fields and adjacent areas need to be left in a condition that is free of litter, equipment and other items after each scheduled use of the area. Leagues will submit a litter deposit each calendar year prior to using the fields. In the event additional cleaning and/or litter removal is necessary, funds from the deposit will be deducted according to the established litter/maintenance fees.

Coaches, managers and families involved with Sports Alliance leagues and School District athletics are expected to adhere to these field use guidelines. This will ensure that safe, well-maintained fields are available for all users and positive relationships with park patrons

and the neighbors are maintained. Violation of policies by league members and school activity participants/spectators may result in sanctions against the league or school, including but not limited to, loss of field privileges.

Town of Danville maintains the fields located at:

- Baldwin School Park
- Diablo Vista Park
- Green Valley School Park
- Montair School Park
- Osage Station Park
- Sycamore Valley Park
- Vista Grande Elementary School

San Ramon Valley Unified School District maintains fields located at:

- Diablo Vista Middle School
- Greenbrook Elementary School
- Los Cerros Middle School
- Monte Vista High School
- Rancho Romero Elementary School
- San Ramon Valley High School
- Stone Valley Middle School
- Tassajara Hills Elementary School

Contra Costa County (R-7A) maintains the fields located at:

- Alamo Elementary School

Fields maintained by others are located at:

- Athenian School (Athenian, Mustang & Pony Baseball League)
- Blackhawk Field (Blackhawk HOA)

For field status, field maintenance and emergency issues, contact:

Town of Danville

7:30 a.m-4:00 p.m./ after hrs. recording. ..(925) 314-3450

Sports Field Information line.....(925) 314-3484

After hours emergencies:

Police Dispatch.....(925) 820-2144

San Ramon Valley School District/R-7A

7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. weekdays.....(925) 824-0267

After hours emergencies:

Craig Cesco.....(925) 260-1679

If none of the above can be reached, contact:

Thomas Jamison.....(925) 260-1675

Emergency numbers **should be** used for problems such as the following:

- Significant water leaks
- Water running during game times
- Serious safety hazards
- Unresolved field reservation conflicts

Emergency numbers **should not be** used for problems such as team/league requests for:

- Last minute extensions or changes to original field light schedule
- Last minute field light changes due to user group scheduling error
- Last minute field light requests that were not initiated through the established procedures and timelines

Please attempt to settle field conflicts amicably among the users. However, if the problem cannot be resolved, call Police Dispatch at (925) 820-2144.

Thank you for your cooperation!

