



## Pekin Park Sports Complex Information

### 300 Koch Street

This 80 acre Sports Complex is bordered by Koch and Fifth streets on the south side of Pekin. This complex has been constructed by the Pekin Park District to provide facilities for local youth organizations to conduct youth programs for children between the ages of two and eighteen. The Sports Complex includes; (8) lighted baseball/softball diamonds and (4) mini diamonds, a (10) acre soccer area for accommodation of multiple age appropriate fields, (4) regulation football fields and (2) restroom/concession buildings. All athletic fields are fully irrigated from a well located on the site. The Sports Complex also includes; a 1.6 mile walking path, two children's playgrounds, and parking for (500) vehicles.

**Scheduling:** It is necessary to stagger the starting times of games and practices. For most efficient operations, please schedule more than one field area at one time and back-to-back practices. Additional games will be added, if due to inclement weather. Cancellation of a field for practice or game is necessary **at least 72 hours in advance** of the scheduled time or a \$50 cancellation fee will be assessed for the cancellation. If we prepare the field and is not used, (other than due to inclement weather), you will be charged the direct costs of the preparation in addition to the cancellation fee at a minimum rate of \$25.

**Insurance:** The park requires a certificate of liability insurance listing "Pekin Park District as an additional insured" in the amount of \$1,000,000. A hard copy of the certificate must be received and approved by the park at least two weeks prior to your first scheduled date. Contact the Recreation Department at 309-347-7274 or email: [recreationpekinparks@gmail.com](mailto:recreationpekinparks@gmail.com) for scheduling.

**Concessions:** The proceeds from the concession stand sales pay for the operation of the complex. A variety of popular snacks, sandwiches and drinks are available. A water spigot for filling player's water bottles and team water coolers is located on the outside of the building. Please encourage parents to purchase at the concession stand rather than bringing in food and drinks. Your patronage is necessary and appreciated.

**Rainout Line** 309-226-4060 will keep your players up to date in case of adverse weather conditions. The Rainout Line offers a free smartphone app. You can also subscribe to email and text alerts. Extension numbers: Ball diamonds #1-#12 are the same as diamond numbers, Soccer fields are extension #13, Football Fields are extension #14.

**In case of Inclement Weather** Once the diamond has been prepared; it's up to the organization to cancel due to inclement weather. Contact the Recreation Department at 309-347-7274 or email: [recreationpekinparks@gmail.com](mailto:recreationpekinparks@gmail.com) if you cancel a scheduled game or practice, so all Sports Park staff can be made aware and the Rainout Line updated. If rain, lightning, or if field conditions become dangerous, umpires/officials, organization administrator and coaches are responsible for stopping activity on the fields. If activity on the field is stopped due to lightning, you must wait 30 minutes after the last sighting before resuming.

**Discipline** of your participants/parents/coaches is to be enforced by your organization's administrator. In the event a participant/parent/spectator is non-compliant and Park District Police help is needed, call 309-346-3132 (Police Dispatch) and ask for the Park Police to come the Sports Complex and give your location.

**Pekin Park District Zero Tolerance Policy** All users of the Pekin Park District Sports Complex are required to maintain a sportsmanlike and constructive atmosphere before, during and after all games and events. This policy applies to all players, coaches, referees, umpires, team officials, administrators, volunteers, and parents/spectators. There will be Zero Tolerance for inappropriate and disruptive behavior including:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials, other spectators, or Park District Staff by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, dugouts, or on the playing field directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
4. Any other disruptive, unsafe, or threatening behavior that interferes with other spectators, the game, or staff ability to properly maintain playing fields or any other area of the Complex.

Violators of this Zero Tolerance Policy will be asked to leave the Complex by members of staff or a Pekin Park District Police Officer. Pekin Park District asks user groups to educate their users on this policy and aid in enforcement.

**Vaping/Smoking/Tobacco Use** at the Pekin Park Sports Complex is prohibited except outside of the walking path around the perimeter of the complex. All other areas of the Park are Tobacco-Free zones.

**Dogs:** Allowed, but must be leashed and are not allowed on the fields/playing surfaces. Dog owners are expected to clean up after their pet.

**Clean up** is expected. Please ask your players and parents to pick up all litter after every use.

**Ball Diamond Lights** are available for practices and games. You are welcome to use the lights for practices and games. They will be turned on at dusk and off after your use, based on your confirmed schedule.

**Soccer, Football and Ball Diamond Scoreboards** may be used for scrimmages and games. A hand held remote is used to operate the boards, and is available from the maintenance attendant on duty. The assigned person from your organization will leave their keys when checking out the remote. Contact Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks, at 309-349-0189 for training.

**Batting Cages** are located adjacent to ball diamond 7 in the west quad for baseball and softball use, on a first come/first serve basis. You may bring in your own pitching machine and balls.

**Driving a vehicle on the grass and pathways is prohibited.** Other than Park District owned vehicles or vehicles driven by Park District staff, no other vehicles are authorized to enter unauthorized areas. The Park District provides staff to transport people and equipment at busy times. At all other times, people and equipment must be walked in. \$150.00 violations will be issued for those disregarding the signs posted or by those traveling into these areas by different means (such as by driving from 5<sup>th</sup> street or entering from the JFL Coach parking area).

**RV's/ Campers are not allowed to be parked at the Sports Complex.** Also, no tailgating is allowed in the parking lots or anywhere on the Sports Complex grounds which includes, but not limited to, barbeque grills and canopies.