

2022 Parks and Recreation Master Fee Schedule FAQ • January 2022

Are field rental fees going up? By how much?

Proposed 2022 baseline rental fees for rectangular turf fields across the park system will increase about 26 percent on average, from an average of \$24.75 in 2021 per hour to \$31 in 2022. This increase covers inflationary cost increases in supplies, materials and labor experienced over the past 18 months. (See proposed sports fields fee chart below.) View the entire proposed 2022 Master Fee Schedule at www.missoulaparks.org.

Are there discounts available for youth sports?

Starting in 2022, youth programs that offer "All-Play" policies (all registered children are placed on a team and play in each game) and meet other equity and inclusion guidelines* may request a 30 percent discount. **With the discount, fees for a full-sized field will increase by only \$1.40 per hour, from \$21 to \$22.40.**

We expect programs like YMCA and Micro-Strikers soccer, youth lacrosse, youth rugby and Jr. Playmakers youth sports to apply for and receive the new All-Play Discount.

Adult programs that meet the All-Play criteria and are specifically designed to include individuals who may not otherwise have access may request a discount.

What about competitive fields at Fort Missoula Regional Park?

Competitive sports fields fees will increase by about 26% across the board—from about 10% at Playfair to 52% on some tournament-quality grass fields at FMRP. Again, most of this increase is due to inflationary cost increases in supplies, materials and labor experienced over the past 18 months.

The FMRP fee increase was requested by the leaders of Missoula Strikers, Foot Club Missoula, Missoula Lacrosse, Missoula All-Maggots Rugby, Missoula Youth Rugby, Missoula Ultimate and others, and will provide equipment, labor, and materials for enhanced turf maintenance to meet the demands of competitive play and tournaments.

An FMRP Turf Working Group, comprised of the leadership of the above-mentioned sports clubs, met with Parks staff from March through October 2021 to develop protocols to maintain and improve field maintenance to meet the competitive needs. The fee increases were determined to be the minimum needed to meet current demands. Because these demands are specific to competition, most of the increased costs are incurred by the sports organizations requesting the additional services.

Fees for **some** of the full-sized competitive fields at FMRP will increase to \$32 from \$21 per hour. As stated above, programs with "All-Play" policies may request a 30 percent discount, bringing the hourly field use fee down to \$22.40.

How share my comments or ask questions about the proposed fee changes?

The City Council is still accepting public comment on the proposed [2022 Parks Master Fee Schedule](#). The item is up for final consideration at the January 24 Council meeting. To comment, you can e-mail all 12 City Council members at council@ci.missoula.mt.us, or leave them a voicemail at 406-552-6012. You may also comment at the [January 24 council meeting](#).

If you have a question or comment for Parks and Recreation, please contact Recreation Superintendent Shirley Kinsey at kinseys@ci.missoula.mt.us or 552-6273. Sports organizations and other park users were notified of the proposed fee changes and invited to comment beginning in early December, including at public meetings of the City and County Park Boards, a City Council Parks and Conservation Committee meeting, and the January 10 City Council meeting.

2022 Proposed sports fields fees

Multi-use fields hourly rental	2021	2022	Percent increase
Playfair E, W per hour	\$16.75	\$18.50	10%
Playfair South 1 & 2 per hour	\$12.25	\$13.50	10%
FMRP Field 220'x 330' per hour	\$21.00	\$32.00	52%
*FMRP Field 220'x 330'/hour with All-Play Discount	\$21.00	\$22.40	7%
FMRP Field 120'x 180' per hour	\$15.75	\$24.00	52%
FMRP Field 60'x 90' per hour	\$13.00	\$14.50	12%
Pitch Field per hour	\$26.00	\$34.00	31%
Bella Vista Turf per hour (no lights)	\$41.50	\$50.25	21%
Bella Vista Turf per hour (with lights)	\$51.50	\$61.25	19%
Average field use fees system-wide	\$24.72	\$31.00	25%
<i>*Example only, All-Play discount applies to all field rentals.</i>			

All-Day Tournament Rates	2021	2022	Percent increase
Playfair E, W	\$167.50	\$185.00	10%
Playfair South 1 & 2	\$122.50	\$135.00	10%
FMRP Field 220'x 330'	\$210.00	\$320.00	52%
FMRP Field 150'x 240'	\$157.50	\$240.00	52%
FMRP Field 60'x 90'	\$130.00	\$145.00	12%
Pitch Field (based on 8-hour day)	\$234.00	\$272.00	16%
Bella Vista Turf per hour (no lights)	\$41.50	\$50.25	21%
Bella Vista Turf per hour (with lights)	\$51.50	\$61.25	19%
Average tournament rates, system-wide	\$139.31	\$176.06	26%

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* What are the All-Play Discount requirements?

A non-profit organization may be eligible for a 30% discount off the 2022 fees for 220 x 330 and 150 x 240-size fields by completing a request and adhering to the following criteria:

- The organization is in good standing with Missoula Parks and Recreation. (Is not in violation of City policies or ordinances and has paid in full for past use of facilities, including damages caused by the organization or its users.)
- Agree that the organization will follow the [City of Missoula Anti-Discrimination Ordinance](#).
- The organization's sports program is open to all youth of appropriate age.
- Every youth registered within the deadline is placed on a team.
- Organizations provide their team formation criteria to Parks.
- Every youth plays a minimum of half of each scheduled game.
- Coaches receive formal (virtual or in-person by qualified individuals or organizations) training to foster a positive youth sports culture.
- The organization provides a scholarship program that is easily accessed and does not require a paid membership to the organization to receive a scholarship.
- Reporting status and adherence to the above each year are required to continue access to discounted field use fees.
- The Parks and Recreation Board may review the submitted materials to affirm the continuation of the discount.

Adult programs that meet the above criteria and are specifically designed to include individuals who may not otherwise have access may request the All-Play Discount.