



# FORT MISSOULA

## REGIONAL PARK

## WELCOME TO FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX

### Designed in collaboration with the softball community

We'd like to thank the players and leadership from local sports user groups who have actively involved in the design process and policy development since 2011—your feedback and vision have been invaluable.

### An exciting future for Missoula sports

These exciting new facilities bring dramatically increased demand and require thoughtfully designed policies and procedures to meet that demand. Some of these policies will be new to you, but they're designed to enhance your playing experience and protect the safety and enjoyment of all park users. We'd like to hear your feedback on all aspects of the new FMRP. **If you have questions or concerns, please email us at [parksrec@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:parksrec@ci.missoula.mt.us).**

## NEW COMPLEX RULES

**Enjoy the Home Plate Grill and Fireline Grill. Please don't bring outside food or beverages into the complex, except water.**

- **Revenue from food and beverage concessions supplements your field use fees in order to keep player costs low.**
- Full-time concession service provide consistency and quality for large tournaments and special events.
- Exceptions may be allowed for those with special dietary restrictions or medical conditions.
- Filled water bottles may be brought into the facility or you can fill containers site at the water bottle fill station.

**Purchase beer and wine from local on-site vendors. Please don't bring alcohol into the complex.**

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- Alcohol consumption is managed at the Missoula County Fairgrounds and the county-operated Larchmont Golf Course, and City and County leadership has determined that alcohol at the FMRP softball facility is best managed through sales from a licensed caterer. Managed alcohol sales is an alternative to a facility that does not permit alcohol at any time.
- Seventy percent of **Parks and Recreation's portion** of alcohol sales revenues will be used to enhance the softball complex. Items that may be acquired include additional scoreboards, shade over the bleachers, and additional improvements and services.
- According to State of Montana alcohol laws, outside alcohol is prohibited when a vendor/caterer is present.
- On-site security may perform occasional bag checks at the 5-plex entrance and will ask park users to leave outside food and beverages in their vehicle.
- On Friday nights there will be no alcohol sold or permitted to be consumed in the facility, in order to accommodate park users who desire an alcohol-free environment during league play.

**FMRP Softball Complex is a tobacco-free facility (including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.)**

- The Missoula City Council recently voted to ban tobacco use in sports facilities and other park areas, as cited in City ordinance 8.37.030.

**Please don't bring sunflower seeds, peanuts, and any other shelled nuts into the facility.**

- These items are included in the restriction on outside food and beverages.
- Seeds and shells are litter and their use increases maintenance costs. If demand indicates, Parks and Recreation is willing to negotiate an agreement whereby the softball leagues cover clean-up costs.
- Due to similar maintenance concerns, tape, adhesives and glitter are also prohibited.

### Additional softball complex rules

- Park Hours: Daily, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Be aware of flying and errant balls at all times.
- Cyclists: dismount bikes before entering complex.
- Dispose of gum and waste in trash receptacle.
- Dogs must be leashed, and owners are responsible to pick up waste. No dogs allowed on fields, including inside dugouts.
- Children 10 and under need to be under direct supervision at all times.

#### For Your Safety and Enjoyment the Following are Prohibited:

- Metal cleats (*Banned in all other Montana softball facilities.*)
- Firearms/weapons/fireworks
- Glass containers
- Hitting or throwing balls against fences or backstops.
- Climbing on outfield fences or backstop fencing.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior and language
- Roller skates / roller blades / skateboards / scooters

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