



BOWMAN PARK BASEBALL FIELD  
FEE MODIFICATION  
MEN'S ADULT BASEBALL LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN  
2019-2021

The Men's Adult Baseball League (MABL) of Southern Wisconsin and Madison Parks would like to enter into an agreement regarding the use of Bowman Field at Bowman Park. In 2017, MABL expanded the number of teams in the league and need additional field space due to Madison School & Community Recreation no longer offering adult baseball leagues. Madison Parks welcomed MABL desire and ability to continue the tradition of baseball leagues in Madison Parks. In 2017 and 2018, MABL reserved Bowman Field through a fee modification approved by Park staff. In February 2018, the Board of Park Commissioners (BPC) adopted a Fee Modification Policy. Under that Policy, the BPC is required to review the renewal of the fee modification with MABL. MABL has been a good partner and a respectful user Bowman Field. Parks and MABL determined it would be mutually beneficial to enter into a fee modification for use of Bowman Park Baseball Field under the following conditions:

1. Term. Agreement shall be for a term of three years, beginning at signing of the Agreement and terminating on September 29, 2021.
2. Location. Bowman Baseball Field at Bowman Park located at 1801 Fish Hatchery Road Madison, WI 53713. See Exhibit A.
3. Use. Baseball practice and games of the MABL league. MABL shall have priority scheduling of the same days and times of reservations that MABL made in the previous year. MABL must submit scheduling requests to Parks by the second week of April. During the school year, Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) reservations will take priority, allowing MABL to start use after completion of the MMSD reservation (approx. 6:45 PM). MABL will make at least 25 weekday reservations and 6 weekend reservations prior to the start of the season. On weekdays, MABL may play until 11:00 PM. Total end of season reservations may be lower due to weather cancellations.
4. Fees. MABL shall pay to the City of Madison Parks Division an anticipated \$5,025 annually. The amount of \$3,000 will be recognized in the General Fund budget and the remainder will be recognized in the Parks Operating budget.
  - Weekdays or Weekends: \$165 per each weekday reservation day, which includes lights.
  - Weekends: \$150 per each weekend reservation day, which does not include lights.

MABL will pay \$1,500 before the first reservation date; balance of amount used through June and then remaining amount with 30 days of final reservation.

6. Responsibilities of Madison Parks

- a. Reserve fields.
- b. Game preparation once a day consisting of lining and dragging field.
- c. No prep between games on same day.
- d. No prep for games occurring after high school reservations.
- e. Provide bases that will be stored onsite in a closed storage container.
- f. Provide keys to access field, bullpen, restroom, and onsite storage.
- g. Provide MABL light schedule report and authorize MABL to communicate changes with MUSCO
- h. Perform mowing of field grass.
- i. Update rainout line and GymDandy.

7. Responsibilities of MABL

- a. Submit reservation requests by second week of April.
- b. Supply baseballs.
- c. Remove tarps at start of field use and replace tarps at end of field use.
- d. Install bases at start of field use and replace in storage box at the end of field use.
- e. Pay an annual fee to City of Madison Treasurer.
- f. Provide port-a-johns at fields, if desired. Rangers close restrooms onsite nightly at approximately 10 PM.
- g. Call rainout line and/or check GymDandy to determine if field is open or closed.

8. Compliance with Laws. MABL shall comply with all City, State and Federal statutes, ordinances and regulations.

9. Orderly Area and Trash Removal. MABL shall keep the field in a neat and orderly manner. MABL shall clean up and remove trash at the field following any use. Removal of trash will constitute filling park trash barrels.

10. Signs Prohibited. No advertising signs or billboards shall be permitted.

11. Suspension, Cancellation and Termination. Parks and MABL shall notify each other of issues that may arise and could lead to termination and work toward solutions before choosing termination. The Superintendent of Parks may suspend the use of the fields for up to two weeks, and impose a security deposit requirement in an amount sufficient to pay the costs related to any repair. Either party may terminate this Agreement, at its sole election, upon 14 days written notice to the other party. If the Fee Modification is terminated by Madison Parks with cause, no refund will be provided. If the Fee Modification is terminated by MABL with cause, a refund will be provided. If the Fee Modification is terminated without cause by Madison Parks, Parks will refund balance that represents unused field reservations.

Signature

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Sean Michael Dargan                      Date  
President, MABL/MSBL

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BPC File Number                      Date Approved

**Exhibit A**

