



MVLA Soccer Club

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MVHS USAGE POLICY



Policy Description and Scope:

MVLA Soccer Club's field usage policies and rules are described in detail in MVLA's Field Manual posted to the MVLA web site at www.mvlasc.org. The Field Manual details general rules and etiquettes as well as specific rules for each field we use.

The purpose of this Policy document is to further emphasize the special attention we afford to the Mountain View High School site, both the All Weather Turf (AWT) and the grass athletic fields.

The rules for MVHS build on the rules and etiquettes already deployed at LAHS AWT (see the LAHS paragraphs in Section 7 of the MVLA Field Manual and Appendix A in the MVLA Field Manual).

This document also includes the general usage plan for the annual MVHS calendar, broken up season by season. Our permit to this site has been in effect since Fall 2008 and is, at this time, evolving.

Policy:

1--General Rules: same as those at LAHS (See LAHS paragraphs in Section 7 of the MVLA Field Manual and also in Appendix A in the Field Manual) with exceptions noted below.

2--AWT permit only: no usage of MVHS grass is allowed at all. MVLA has delivered to the MVHS Athletic Director (AD) the included Letter herein assuring MVHS that MVLA will not use the grassy areas of MVHS.

3--MVHS-owned goals: no access to school-owned Kwik Goals goals without special permission of MVHS. These goals are key-locked and not accessible to MVLA.

4--MVLA-owned goals: MVLA is allowed to store MVLA-owned Sator goals with nets next to the MVHS goals with our combo lock and chain to secure them. Two goals are on site as of 9/20/08. Nets remain on the goals. It is MVLA's responsibility to store the goals after each use. The first team of the day (or a block of games) sets up the goals and the last team of the day (or a block of games) returns the goals to their locked position along the east fence.



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5--Gate access: MVLA has permission to get keys to gates for access to the stadium. The only time we would need locked gate access is when we deliver or remove goals.

6--Team benches: MVLA shall leave the team benches where they are chained by MVHS. It is most likely the benches will be on opposite touchlines during football season. In this case, the Home team will take the west (Truman Ave side) touchline and the Away team will take the east (baseball diamond) side touchline. If MVHS allows the benches to be anchored on the same side of the field during winter, spring, and summer, both teams shall sit on the east touchline of the field.

7--Fan seating: Parents, Guests and Fans of both teams agree to stay in the west (Truman-side) bleachers.

8--Corner flags: Flags for MVHS AWT are stored at the Gamble residence at 1401 Oak Ave, MV (house on the northeast corner of Pritchett and Oak). The home is right around the corner from MVHS. The flags have sand-filled bases and are stored inside the back gate on Pritchett. The first teams of the day (or a block of games) must get the flags and the last team of the day (or a block of games) shall return the flags to the Gamble residence.

9--Bathrooms: MVLA has a key to the bathrooms at MVHS, stored in a combo-locked key safe attached to the fence inside the back gate of the Gamble residence. To open the safe, you punch in the four digit combo (see Section 8 for current combos) on the black buttons. Each button should be pressed fully until it clicks. Once all four numbers are pressed, then slide the OPEN slider-switch and pull open the safe.

To close the safe, punch in the combo as above and then, as you slide the OPEN switch on the safe door, push it onto the safe and close the safe. Make sure the safe door latches securely. Make sure when you insert the key/lanyard, you place the key in first flat against the back of the safe, then distribute the lanyard evenly in the safe box so as not to obstruct the latch for the door of the safe.

If you press the wrong numbers, slide the CLEAR slide-switch to clear the entries you made.

If the safe door doesn't smoothly close into its slots in the safe base, then the key/lanyard may be obstructing the slot(s), or you have not slid the OPEN switch down far enough, or you entered the combo incorrectly. Try again.



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10--The key and flag protocols for MVHS AWT will work hand-in-hand analogously to those at LAHS AWT, except that the items will be stored at the Gamble residence and not at the FC's home.

Existing or Planned Usage Pattern at MVHS AWT (NO GRASS see letter below):

Fall: Sept-Dec

--weekday permit: M-F after football except for Football game dates which are mostly Thurs/Fri. There is no field hockey at MVHS so no conflict there. Band will train in the AM and on grass.

--Saturday permit: all Saturdays except delete the Saturdays used by Band or other school function.

--Sunday: Planned Fall 2009; 9:00-7:00

Winter: Jan-Feb

--Weekdays: no light, so no weekday permit.

--Saturdays: 9:00-5:30 every Saturday not used by soccer (soccer typically takes 9-noon).

--Sundays: Planned Winter 2010; 9:00-6:00

Spring: March-June

--Weekdays: M-F, start at 6:00-7:30 when DST starts then 6-8 after track done.

--Saturdays: 9:00-7:00 every Saturday not used by Track

--Sundays: Planned Spring 2009, 9:00-7:00

Summer: July-August

--Weekdays: M-F 5:00-8:00pm, except for any shut downs for refurbishment.

--Saturdays: 9:00-7:00 every Saturday except for any shutdowns.

--Sundays: Planned for Summer 2009: 9:00-7:00, except for any shutdowns.

Addendum: Letter from MVLA to MVHS Assuring No Grass Usage:

Date: September 5, 2008

To: Mr. Dan Navarro, Athletic Director, Mountain View High School
3535 Truman Ave, Mountain View, Ca 94040

From: Mr. Rodney Robinson, President, MVLA Soccer Club
12238 Via Arline, Los Altos Hills, Ca 94022

Subject: MVLA Soccer's Permit to Use MVHS AWT

CC: Jeanine Valadez, Jim McGirk (via email)

Mr. Navarro,



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Thank you for endorsing MVLA Soccer's request to gain access to your All Weather Turf (AWT) field. I am confident that you will find our conduct and comportment on the field commensurate with your expectations.

In particular, the purpose of this letter is to reassure you that MVLA will abide by your request that we shall not use the grass fields for any activity. We understand that the permit you have granted is for the AWT field only.

In that spirit, MVLA will undertake the following two actions in support of your requirement:

- 1) I or my representative on behalf of the MVLA Board will send a notice to the MVLA membership specifying that no use of the grass fields is allowed under any circumstances. Not for warm up, not for training, not for games.
- 2) I will instruct MVLA's Field Coordinator to incorporate this rule for the MVHS site into our written usage policies and manuals.

In the next several days, our Field Coordinator, Jeanine Valadez, will contact you to confirm that you received this letter. Please let her know if you have any other questions or requirements pertaining to the permit or our use of MVHS AWT.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jeanine or me if you would like to engage in discussions regarding how to expand cooperation between MVLA Soccer and MVHS Athletics. We are very interested in helping to expand and enhance the athletic facilities at MVHS, including discussions of field improvements, conversions to AWT, and augmentation of equipment/storage infrastructure.

Thanks again for your support of youth soccer!

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