

## **Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Ball Field Reservation Procedures and Policy**

Reed Park located at 3181 E. Johnson Rd., and Hubscher Park located at 8300 W. Washington Rd., Ithaca, MI, are both part of the Gratiot County Parks & Recreation system. The maintenance and supervision of the Gratiot County Parks is under the jurisdiction of the Gratiot Co. Parks & Recreation Commission. All Gratiot County Parks are funded through a millage voted in by the Gratiot County taxpayers.

Reed & Hubscher Parks specifically have three (3) baseball/softball diamonds (2-Reed / 1-Hubscher). Two (2) of these diamonds are designed for “youth” baseball and “adult” softball (1-Reed Park / 1-Hubscher Park). Equipped with 43’ & 46’ pitching rubbers and 60’ baselines. One (1) of these diamonds (Reed Park) is designed for “youth” baseball, “adult” softball and Pony League Baseball. In addition to the 43’ & 46’ pitching rubbers it also has a 54’ pitching rubber and 80’ baselines. Use of these diamonds in their entirety is governed by the Gratiot County Parks & Recreation Commission (GCPRC)

The objective of the GRPRC is “to provide safe, attractive, parklands and outdoor recreation facilities that serve to enrich the lives of Gratiot County residents and the vitality of county communities”, it is our intent to provide baseball and softball facilities **primarily, but not exclusively**, to the “youth” of Gratiot County.

### **Rules & Regulations Governing Use of Reed #1 & #2, and Hubscher Ball Diamonds**

- 1) The Diamonds at Reed and Hubscher Parks are County owned and operated.
- 2) All teams “youth” and “adult” must be registered with the GCPRC to participate in organized competition.
- 3) All teams must be registered no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of organized competition during the spring and summer months of the same year.
- 4) **Team coaches are responsible to provide a team roster NO LATER THAN March 1<sup>st</sup>. County of residency for each player on roster must be clearly indicated.**
- 5) All coach and/or manager registering a team must provide a source of reliable contact for notification of acceptance (Home phone/cell phone/e-mail address). No written notification will be mailed. **Notification will be made within 10 business days of registration deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 6) No team, “youth” or “adult” can expect to be “grandfathered” for registration purposes year-to-year and must register each year.
- 7) Preferential consideration will be given to Gratiot County teams. Gratiot County teams will be defined as all or the majority of the players residing in the County of Gratiot.
- 8) After registration is completed any vacancies that exist will be filled by teams that have fewer or no players residing in Gratiot County.
- 9) No registered team shall consider any of the three (3) diamonds HOME FIELD. Scheduling of competition will determine HOME TEAM.
- 10) All “youth” and “adult” teams will be required to compete on all 3 diamonds during the course of the scheduled season. Proximity of residency to any of the 3 diamonds by team player or coaching staff will have no bearing on assigning diamonds for competition.