

WELCOME TO
WASHOUGAL
HIGH SCHOOL



HOME OF THE PANTHERS

Welcome to Fishback Stadium at Washougal High School

We appreciate your help in keeping this facility clean and safe for spectators, and for the participants on the field. We ask that you abide by the following policies and procedures in regards to the use of this facility. As you can see, for the most part, proper use of the facility is based on common sense.

We hope that you enjoy your activities here at Fishback Stadium. I'm convinced that if we all work together we can keep this facility in great shape and minimize the work of keeping it that way by our District maintenance crew.

A supervisor must be on site. Someone needs to be designated as the supervisor. The responsibility of the supervisor is to make sure that the use policy and procedures are being followed. The supervisor should also monitor the restrooms and behind the stadium for unsafe activities or vandalism. Parents often leave their young children unsupervised while they watch the games from the stands. Unfortunately they don't always behave appropriately, or safely. It would be advisable to not tolerate any unsupervised children running around inside of the stadium area.

No spectators on the field or track! There are a couple of reasons for this policy. One is that compression and contamination are the killers of artificial turf. The fewer folks that walk on our turf and across our track the longer they will last and stay safe, clean and functional. Recreational walkers/joggers are welcome and should use lanes 7 and 8 only.

No-one should be on the track or infield while games are going on out on the field. This is a safety consideration for both the spectators and the players.

No Sunflower Seeds! The presence of sunflower seed hulls are especially noticeable, and are the most difficult item (other than gum) to get up from the surface. Our conditioning machine will not pick up sunflower seed hulls. It is not a vacuum, it simply brushes and lifts the fibers to "fluff" the turf. Please don't allow spectators to stand at the fence and spit sunflower hulls onto the track. These are equally as difficult to pick back up.

No Food of any kind! Spilled food (think nacho cheese!) creates a bacterial contamination problem which can lead to someone getting a serious infection. The pebbled texture of the track and the carpet like structure of the turf make it extremely difficult to clean these surfaces.

No Dogs (animals)! For these same reasons we don't allow dogs inside of the stadium. I don't think that it's necessary to elaborate on the difficulty of cleaning up after a dog on these surfaces. Another consideration is for other spectators who may have allergies or phobias about animals in general, or dogs specifically. The only exception is for service animals. In this case the person should carry a card identifying the animal and owner.

No Drinks other than water! We have the same issues with contamination from the ingredients in sports drinks and soda.

No Gum! Just look around in the team box areas, and on the track in front of the stadium and you will see how it ruins the facility. We cannot get gum back up once it is spit out and stomped in. Gum causes irreparable damage. Please don't allow gum to be chewed on or around the track or turf.

No Bikes, Skates, Scooters, Skate Boards! There are obvious safety considerations in regards to spectators, as well as to those using these items on school district property. And then there is also our concern for possible damage to the surfaces of the facility.