



Keystone Soccer Complex Questions about Field Use

The office frequently receives questions regarding the use of Keystone by members of the community who are not affiliated with TBAYS... or sometimes even with soccer. Especially recently, there has been confusion about who can or can't use the facility and under what circumstances. This should help clear up some of that confusion.

The property on which our fields are built is owned by the county parks and recreation department. TBAYS rents that property from the county for our own use. The actual fields, road paving, and buildings were paid for by TBAYS and belong to TBAYS. In fact, we still owe over \$100,000 to the local bank that loaned our organization the funds to develop the fields. 100% of the maintenance costs of the Keystone Soccer Complex, amounting to over \$60,000 per year, are paid for by TBAYS. TBAYS does not receive any support in either funds or labor from the county. Our contract with the county, although a little vague in wording, does specify that we have control over the use of the facility. Obviously, with so much invested, that control is important to our organization.

We do rent fields for non-TBAYS soccer events, such as the TC Christian High School games and practices, the Mexican League games on Sunday mornings, and some college teams who come to town during the summer. We also rent the fields during the season to teams from outlying areas looking for a place to play a game.

Additionally there are a few non-soccer activities we rent space for. The most noticeable is rugby, which has rented a field for the season from TBAYS for the past two years. We also have a Frisbee club playing on the grass during the summer months. All these activities help support the high cost of maintaining our fields and in this way support TBAYS even if it doesn't seem immediately obvious that they 'belong'.

In the near future, the county will be adding a walking trail through the complex that will eventually connect to the TART and to hiking paths being developed on county owned property on both sides of KSC and across the road on the Boardman River. This will likely increase outside activity on the complex but it will not change the basic agreement with the county which gives TBAYS the authority to manage activity at Keystone.

Of course there are some activities that we would not allow, particularly if they might cause damage to the fields or expose TBAYS to potential liability. Even though certain activities, like kids playing a pick-up game on the fields, seem harmless, TBAYS could be held responsible if unauthorized users are injured or have an accident at the complex. Since we don't have insurance to cover non-TBAYS players, we really can't afford to allow unauthorized use.

If you observe activity on the field that you think might be questionable, please do contact the office to check on it. With the help of all of our members we can preserve the high quality of our fields as well as make certain that unauthorized activities are not jeopardizing our investment.

The Keystone Soccer Complex is TBAYS most valuable asset. Please help to protect it.