



# The Art Van Sports Complex

## *Rockford, MI*

### **Facility Information and Rules**

### **Tournament policies**



**NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS** – Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco products will be permitted on the Art Van Sports Complex (AVSC) site. The AVSC is a smoke/alcohol/tobacco free facility for the benefit of all players and spectators. This rule will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in ejection from the complex.

**PARKING** – There is plenty of parking available for parents and coaches at the AVSC. There will be no parking permitted on any of the access roads within the AVSC. Parking fees are at the discretion of the Art Van Sports Complex management and/or the tournament host organization.

**ADMISSION** – Gate fees/Admission may be charged at various events at the AVSC. Gate fees/Admission fees are at the discretion of the Art Van Sports Complex management and/or the tournament host organization.

**PETS** – Pets are not permitted at The AVSC.

**BICYCLES**, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, Heelys (wheeled sneakers) or motorized personal transportation devices (Segway's) are not allowed on the AVSC property. Personal transportation devices that are needed due to a physical disability will be allowed, please see AVSC staff for any assistance needed.

**OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES** of any kind are not permitted on the Art Van Sports Complex property.

**TEAM COOLERS ONLY** - Teams will be allowed to bring one cooler into their dugout. Spectators will not be allowed to bring coolers into the AVSC.

**GUM and SEEDS** - Gum and seeds are allowed in dugout areas only. Please do not bring gum or seeds on to any of the playing surfaces of the AVSC. Proper disposal of any chewed gum is required in trash receptacles located within the complex. Any observance of teams or individuals behaving outside of these requirements may result in ejection from the premises.

**FACILITY DAMAGE**- Teams and individuals will be held responsible for damage to AVSC property.



**RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RVs)** - RVs or Campers are not permitted to park overnight on the AVSC property.

**RESTRICTED AREA** signs are posted throughout the Art Van Sports Complex. Please do not enter restricted areas.

**NO STANDING OR SITTING** on the concrete plaza walls or statues throughout the facility. Please walk on the concrete walkways. We ask all players and families to respect the AVSC as they would their own home.

**ELECTRIC / GAS HEATERS** – Electric and/or gas heaters are not permitted at the facility.

**LOST and FOUND ITEMS** - Please bring all items to the Championship Field office or concession stand. (*The AVSC is not responsible for lost items*).

**TEAM INSURANCE** – Each team is required to carry its own insurance and submit a certificate of insurance to the AVSC or to the hosting tournament organization prior to the beginning of the tournament. No team will be allowed to play until the AVSC or the hosting tournament organization has that information and it is verified. Tournament organizations shall provide to the Complex a Certificate of Insurance with the *Art Van Sports Complex, its parent company the West Michigan Sports Commission, their officers, agents, and employees* as **additional insured**. This can be obtained by simply calling your insurance company and asking them to list that on the certificate. Please note: we are not requesting to be added as a 'named insured' on your policy.

**MERCHANDISE SALES / VENDORS** - All third party merchandise sale items and/or vendors must be approved in advance by AVSC Complex management. Vendors are required to hold a certificate of insurance and are required to submit a copy to the AVSC. All proper vendor permits required in the State of Michigan and its localities are the responsibility of the vendor. All third party sales are subject to a 15% commission of gross sales to the AVSC Complex. A daily audit of sales are to be reported to AVSC Complex Management, with a final report and payment required to the AVSC Complex at end of tournament or prior to vendor departure from premises. No third party vendors or items that directly compete with AVSC merchandise and/or concessions will be allowed. AVSC Management reserves the right to refuse third party merchandise and/or vendors for any reason.



**CONCESSIONS** – The concessions stands at the AVSC will be open, based on demand, throughout all tournament events and during weekday league events. Generally speaking, stands will open 1 hour prior to the start of the first game on-site and close during the 3rd inning of the last game.

**EXPECTED BEHAVIOR** - Negative behavior/bad sportsmanship at youth sporting events has become a major issue. The AVSC is not immune as we see coaches and parents that choose to act in a negative manner toward the opposing team or an umpire from time to time. Please remember that the games are for the kids, not the adults, and we expect each adult to set a positive example for the players through their words and actions. Everyone that attends a tournament is expected to act in a positive manner, no matter the outcome of a play, call by an umpire, or the game itself.

We simply ask the following:

**Let the players play**

**Let the coaches coach**

**Let the umpires umpire**

**PROPER CHEERING / NOISE MAKERS** – All individuals (players, coaches, parents, and fans) are expected to cheer in a positive manner for their own team and never in a negative manner toward the opposing team. Noise makers are not permitted in the dugouts and if they are used by parents/fans, they must not cause any sort of distraction to the opposing team. Because the term “distraction” can be subjective, if an issue arises at a field involving noise makers, then The Art Van Sports Complex staff may mandate that they not be used during moments of game play. They would only be permitted to be used when the ball is dead or in between innings. If that stipulation is not followed, the noise makers would be prohibited all together for that team for the remainder of the tournament.

#### **EJECTION / SUSPENSION POLICY:**

**Managers/Coaches:** Managers or coaches (or scorekeepers or anyone else that is in the dugout or on the field during a game) that are ejected from a game (either by an umpire or by an AVSC official) must leave the facility immediately and will automatically be suspended for 1 additional game. The Tournament Director may also lengthen the suspension to more games or expulsion from the facility for a period of time.

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**Players:** If a player is ejected from a game they may face further suspension.

**Parents / Fans:** If a fan or parent is ejected from a game (either by an umpire or an AVSC official), they must leave the facility immediately and will be suspended for the remainder of the event.

**GENERAL FAIR PLAY / SPORTSMANSHIP:** Intentional disregard for the stated rules (or the spirit in which those rules exist) as well as obvious unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and will place the individuals and/or teams involved at risk for a possible forfeit or banishment from any future AVSC tournaments.

**Parents and family guests** assume all risk and danger of personal injury, losses, damages to person or property and all hazards arising from or related in any way to the events at The Art Van Sports Complex. The AVSC is private property with 24-hour surveillance and management reserves the right to refuse admission or may eject any person whose conduct is deemed by management to be disorderly or who fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the Art Van Sports Complex.

**Please Note:** These rules are not all-inclusive and may be added or amended at any time at the discretion of management. Common sense should be used at all times. Our goal is for all individuals (players, coaches, parents, and fans) to enjoy their experience at the Art Van Sports Complex.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

#### **TOURNAMENT / WEATHER INFORMATION**

Weather information will generally be posted on the complex website [www.ArtVanSportsComplex.com](http://www.ArtVanSportsComplex.com) or may be found through the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office online at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/>.

**LIGHTNING POLICY** – The AVSC will utilize lightning detection devices or programs (or both) that allow for the implementation of a consistent policy regarding the suspension of games.



On days/times when a storm is anticipated, lightning detection device or program will be monitored by the staff.

When a lightning storm approaches within 8-20 miles, AVSC staff will continuously monitor the storm activity and prepare for a possible suspension of games.

When lightning is detected within 8 miles, all games will be suspended. At that time, players, coaches, and spectators should proceed to the safest possible place. The AVSC has minimal covered protection, so please proceed to your cars as necessary.

Games will be resumed once the lightning has moved outside of the 8-mile radius from the complex for a period of 15 minutes.

It should be noted that lightning could be visible (usually in the clouds) over 20 miles away. These observations should obviously alert everyone that a storm may be approaching; however, it does not necessitate the suspension of play

Hazardous weather conditions will also be posted on the AVSC website as available.

The National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office online will be the primary method for disseminating information regarding weather related information.

**The following information is for AVSC hosted tournament events only. Tournament organizations hosting an event at the AVSC will have their own weather/rain policies.**

In the event of rain we will do everything within our power to stay as close to the game schedule as possible. However, because of limited field availability we may have to deviate from the printed schedule. If and when we need to alter the schedule, we use the following procedures/priorities as our guide:

**1. Our first priority always will be to make sure that each team plays it's minimum number of games**

- We will try to maintain the original schedule as much as possible

- In the event of weather/darkness, it may not be possible to accommodate schedule requests

**2. We will attempt to have a championship game**

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- We will never name a champion of a tournament without a championship game
  - We may eliminate the quarter-final or semi-final round to ensure a championship game
- 3.** The AVSC reserves the right to alter the format of a tournament at any moment due to extraordinary circumstances.

### **PRE-GAME WARM-UP GUIDELINES**

#### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

1. Respect all tournament facilities (clean up all trash and equipment)
2. Teams must warm-up/practice in designated areas only. TEAMS MAY NOT WARM UP OR PRACTICE ON THE SOCCER FIELDS EAST OF THE PARKING LOT.
3. No infield/outfield is permitted on the game fields.
4. Each team must make sure that the starting pitcher is ready by game time.
5. Teams that do not follow these guidelines can be banned from warm up areas.
6. See an Art Van Sports Complex official or hosting Tournament official if any problems/conflicts arise.



## Directions to the Art Van Sports Complex

**Street Address:** 3300 10 MILE ROAD NE, ROCKFORD, MI 49341

**Phone Number:**

**From the North:** US-131 South towards Grand Rapids to Exit 97 (10 Mile Road); turn left (east) onto 10 Mile Road toward Rockford. Proceed east on 10 Mile Road for 1.2 miles to the entrance of the Art Van Sports Complex. The complex entrance will be on the right (south) side of the road.

**From the South:** US-131 North towards Grand Rapids to Exit 97 (10 Mile Road); turn right (east) onto 10 Mile Road toward Rockford. Proceed east on 10 Mile Road for 1.2 miles to the entrance of the Art Van Sports Complex. The complex entrance will be on the right (south) side of the road.

**From the East:** I-96 West towards Grand Rapids to US-131 North (Exit 31B). Merge unto US-131 North toward Big Rapids/Cadillac. Take Exit 97 (10 Mile Road); turn right (east) onto 10 Mile Road toward Rockford. Proceed east on 10 Mile Road for 1.2 miles to the entrance of the Art Van Sports Complex. The complex entrance will be on the right (south) side of the road.

**From the West:** I-196 East towards Grand Rapids to US-131 North (Exit 77A). Merge unto US-131 North toward Big Rapids/Cadillac. Take Exit 97 (10 Mile Road); turn right (east) onto 10 Mile Road toward Rockford. Proceed east on 10 Mile Road for 1.2 miles to the entrance of the Art Van Sports Complex. The complex entrance will be on the right (south) side of the road.