

Fields For Duluth Meeting: Proposal for Duluth Frisbee Field Rental 2025

AYSA has been getting pushback from the City of Duluth Parks and Rec department to allow outside entities to utilize the field spaces at Arlington, Jean Duluth, and Gary New Duluth. While our current agreement lists soccer as the only user groups, we feel the need to allow some controlled rentals to show our openness to work with and facilitate other sporting groups in Duluth.

Duluth Ultimate Frisbee approached us this offseason looking for field space for their growing program. We would like to open the conversation with their organization but, to maintain the integrity of the youth soccer fields, we wanted to look at different scenarios.

Duluth Ultimate Frisbee (Adult) is requesting the following field space for the summer of 2025:

- Eight to nine weeks from early June to late July/early August
- Monday evenings, 3 fields, 2.5-3 hours per evening

Scenario 1

Monday Evenings, June-July
Jean Duluth Field 1
5pm to 9pm

Scenario 2

Monday Evenings, June-July
Jean Duluth Field 1 and Arlington Field 2 and/or 3
5pm to 9pm

Duluth Parks Maintenance, along with AYSA staff, would still monitor “day of” field conditions and make calls due to poor weather or unplayable field conditions. Duluth Frisbee would also provide their own insurance coverage following City of Duluth policies for renting facilities.

The main benefit of offering this to Duluth Frisbee and potentially other outside groups is the income. The money generated from this rental would go directly to Fields for Duluth funds to help buy equipment, offset player fees and/or projects directly related to Fields for Duluth. We would set a Per Player Fee, like the current Fields for Duluth fee structure, for Duluth Frisbee players. Since this is an adult user group that has greater potential for field damage, the fee would be set higher than youth soccer. First and foremost, the priority would be to make sure the fields are properly cared for and not over-used. Duluth Frisbee was eager to discuss and willing to pay for the maintenance of the fields.

This would be a trial introduction for 2025 for Duluth Frisbee. This agreement could help us build positive relationships with Duluth organizations as we move into the future full of potential field changes.