

INFORMATION CONCERNING USE OF THE ATHLETICS FIELDS

AU's athletics fields, Jacobs and Reeves Fields, are located on the western side of campus and are the primary playing fields for AU's field hockey, lacrosse, men's soccer and women's soccer teams. These four teams also use these fields for practice. There are no lights on these fields, so use is limited to daylight hours. Jacobs Field is the practice and playing field for women's field hockey and women's lacrosse, but the university has used it for intercollegiate sports, intramural sports, club sports, and recreational activity for decades. Jacobs also has a baseball/softball infield and backstop and some volleyball courts. Reeves Field is the primary playing field for women's soccer and men's soccer. Reeves also contains an oval track used for track and cross country competitions and for recreational running and jogging (which is available to members of the surrounding neighborhood). Tennis courts are adjacent to Reeves Field.

The athletics fields are rarely used for anything other than athletics activities (intercollegiate, intramural, club, or recreational), as AU has shied away from using the fields for anything other than sports. Therefore, outdoor gatherings, celebratory events, performances, and similar activities are typically hosted on the amphitheatre or the main quad.

Amplified sound on the fields is quite limited and is used intermittently. Amplified sound is used on the fields primarily for intercollegiate competition, but limited exception "special events" may use amplified sound. Practices for athletics never use amplified sound. The number of events on the fields using amplified sound averages 35 to 40 events or games annually, and the duration of amplified sound during an event is quite limited. For example, during a regular season field hockey or lacrosse match, the total time for amplified sound is 60 minutes for music and 10 minutes for announcements. Athletics Department staff monitor the amplified sound levels at games. The staff take readings (at the fence line, which is 25-50 feet inside AU's western property line) during pre-game activities, during the first half, and during the second half. They will make all reasonable efforts to reduce the sound when the volumes exceed 60 decibels. When readings do exceed 60 decibels, it is typically because of a spike in noise from spectator cheers or from some brief event during the game; rarely does noise exceed 60 decibels for a prolonged period of time. Records of sound recordings at athletics events with amplified sound at Jacobs Field for the year spanning June 2010 to May 2011 are attached to this document. AU began this sound monitoring process on its own initiative during the last Campus Plan. AU will agree to a formal condition detailing this process in the 2011 Campus Plan.

Over the past 20+ years AU has implemented a number of measures to mitigate impacts from use of the athletics fields on neighboring properties. For example, AU installed one way/key access gates to allow neighbors to enter university grounds (but not allow AU students or staff to use this gate); removed the roadway encircling the fields along the property line; removed campus parking in the area along the property line; invested approximately \$250,000 in landscaping to form a significant green screen; installed a decorative fence ranging from 25-50 feet from the western property line on AU property; placed restrictions on non-athletic "special events"; and restricted athletic use of the fields to daylight hours.

Enclosure

William I Jacobs Recreational Complex
Decibel Readings
June 2010 – May 2011

Friday, August 27th - American University vs. University of Richmond Field Hockey at 11:00am

Pre-Game – 64 (adjusted)

First Half – 61

Halftime- 62

Second Half – 63 (unamplified)

Friday, August 27th – Davidson College vs. Bryant University Field Hockey at 2:00pm

Pre-Game – 62

First Half – 59

Second Half – 61

Saturday, August 28th – Georgetown University vs. Bryant University Field Hockey at 11:00am

Pre-Game – 65 (adjusted)

First Half – 60

Second Half – 62 (unamplified)

Saturday, August 28th – Davidson College vs. St. Francis (PA) University at 2:00pm

Pre-Game – 63 (adjusted)

First Half – 58

Second Half – 61

Sunday, August 29th – Georgetown University vs. St. Francis (PA) University at 11:00am

Pre-Game – 63 (adjusted)

First Half – 61

Second Half – 59

Sunday, August 29th – American University vs. Old Dominion University at 2:00pm

Pre-Game – 64 (adjusted)

First Half – 63 (adjusted)

Halftime - 60

Second Half – 62 (unamplified)

Saturday, September 4th – Georgetown University vs. LaSalle University at 1:00pm

Pre-Game – 62

First Half – 59

First Half – 65 (as a goal was scored; adjusted)

Second Half – 60

Sunday, September 5th – Georgetown University vs. Temple University at 1:00pm

Pre-Game – 62 (adjusted)

First Half – 64 (unamplified)

Second Half - 60

Second Half – 59

Saturday, September 11th – Georgetown University vs. Lehigh University Field Hockey at 1:00pm

Pre-Game (during introductions) – 65 (adjusted)

First Half – 61

Halftime -59

Second Half – 61

Second Half – 61

Saturday, September 18^h – American University vs. University of Massachusetts at 12:00noon

Pre-Game – 62

First Half – 57

Halftime – 62

Second Half – 60

Sunday, September 19th – American University vs. James Madison University at 2:00pm

Pre-Game – 63 (adjusted)

First Half – 58

Second Half – 59

Saturday, September 25th – Women's Lacrosse Fall Tournament

No Amplified Sound

Friday, October 1st – Georgetown University vs. Rutgers University at 3:00pm

Pre-Game – 63 (adjusted)

First Half – 55

Second Half – 61

Sunday, October 3rd – Georgetown University vs. Richmond University at 12:00noon

Pre-Game – 64 (adjusted)

First Half – 58

Second Half – 60

Saturday, October 9th – American University vs. College of the Holy Cross Field Hockey at 11:00am

Pre-Game – 65 (music adjusted)

First Half – 59

Second Half – 62

Sunday, October 10th - American University vs. Duke University Field Hockey at 1:00pm

Pre-Game – 65 (music adjusted)

First Half – 63 (after a goal, volume adjusted)

First Half – 61

Second Half – 62

Saturday, October 16th – Georgetown University vs. Syracuse University Field Hockey at 1:00 pm

Pre-Game – 62-63 (adjusted due to music)

First Half – 57-59

Half Time – 60

Second Half – 59

Sunday, October 17th – Georgetown University vs. Towson University Field Hockey at 1:00 pm

Pre-Game – 64-65 (adjusted due to music)

First Half – 57-59

Half Time – 60-61 (with water cannons)

Second Half – 59-61

Saturday, October 23rd – American University vs. Bucknell University Field Hockey at 12:00noon

Pre-Game – 62 (no music playing)

National Anthem – 67 (adjusted)

No additional readings taken due to staffing

Saturday, October 30th – American University vs. Lafayette College Field Hockey at 11:00am

Cannot find readings

Saturday, October 30th – Georgetown University vs. Providence College Field Hockey at 1:30pm

Cannot find readings

Friday, November 5th – Patriot League Field Hockey Tournament at 11:30am and 1:45pm

Unable to take readings due to staffing

Saturday, November 6th – Patriot League Field Hockey Tournament at 1:30pm

Pre-Game – 62

First Half – 58

Second Half – 57

Second Half – 59

Tuesday, November 9th – NCAA Field Hockey Play-In Game at 1:00pm

Unable to take readings due to staffing

Sunday, February 20th – Women's Lacrosse vs. Ohio State at 12:00 noon

Pre-Game – 64 (adjusted)

First Half – 61

Second Half – 65 (unamplified)

Wednesday, February 23rd – Women's Lacrosse vs. George Washington University at 3:00 pm

Pre-Game – 62-64 (adjusted)

First Half – 57

Saturday, February 26th – Women's Lacrosse vs. UMBC at 1:00 pm

Pre-Game at 12:10 pm – 58

Pre-Game at 12:45 pm – 63 (adjusted)

Wednesday, March 9th – Women's Lacrosse vs. Virginia Tech at 3:00pm

Pre-Game – 68 (adjusted)

First Half – 63 (unamplified)

Saturday, March 12th – Women's Lacrosse vs. College of the Holy Cross at 12:00noon

Pre-Game – 67 (adjusted)

First Half – 59

Half-Time – 63 (adjusted)

Saturday, March 26th – Women's Lacrosse vs. Bucknell University at 1:00pm

Pre-Game – 64 (adjusted)

First Half – 72 (band playing; unamplified)

Wednesday, April 13th – Women's Lacrosse vs. Navy at 4:00pm

Pre-Game – 62

First Half – 66 (unamplified)

Second Half – 64 (unamplified)

Tuesday, April 19th – Women's Lacrosse vs. Liberty at 4:00 pm

Pre-Game – 63 (adjusted)

First Half – 64 (unamplified)