

2026 Baseball/Softball Practice Schedule and Reservation Guidelines



Late Winter College Season: Starting the 2nd Mon. of Jan. (*January 12*) – first Sunday of March (*March 1*), a maximum of 3 Bill Burke turf fields will be available (weather pending). Salina Fieldhouse is available for inclement weather.

Early Spring High School Season: Per KSHSAA Guidelines, starting the first Monday of March (*March 2*), a maximum of 5 Bill Burke turfed fields will be available (weather pending). Salina Fieldhouse is available for inclement weather.

Early Spring Youth Season: Starting the 2nd Monday of March (*March 9*) – last Sunday of March (*March 29*) a maximum of 6 Bill Burke Fields will be available (weather pending).

- Starting the first Wednesday of March (*March 4*) at 11:00 AM, teams may reserve up to one practice/week.
- Early Season Time Slots are only available from 6pm-7:30pm at \$17/hr. due to early sunset.
- Select dirt fields will become available (weather pending) free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis without guaranteed maintenance.

Pre-Season Youth Practices: Last Monday of March (*March 30*) – 3rd Sunday of May (*May 17*)

All 8 Bill Burke turf fields and other Salina Parks & Recreation dirt fields can be reserved following these processes:

1. Salina Parks & Recreation League Teams Weekly Practice:

- a) Head coaches must register their league teams online at www.salina-ks/parks-and-recreation prior to their respective scheduled coaches meeting to properly reserve practice times at the meeting.
- b) Practice scheduling will occur at the end of the coaches' organizational mtgs. in order of their team's registration:
 - i. Baseball: 4th Monday of March (*March 23*), 6:30 PM
 - ii. Softball: 4th Wednesday of March (*March 25*), 6:30 PM
- c) Teams may reserve no more than one weekly turf practice slot at Bill Burke (e.g., Tuesdays, Bill Burke Field #2, 5:30–7:00 PM) starting from the last Monday of March (*March 30*) - 3rd Sunday of May (*May 17*).
- d) Coaches are encouraged to come prepared with their preferred weeknight, time, and field. A field availability chart will be provided to help guide.

2. Salina Parks & Recreation League Teams Second Practice/Week:

- a) Following the scheduling of the league weekly practices, coaches will line up in reverse order to reserve an additional practice/week on dirt fields only following the same guidelines as above.

3. Traveling Teams:

- a) Starting the last Friday of March (*March 27*) at 11:00 AM, traveling teams can reserve practice times on Bill Burke fields for \$17/hour. An account must be set-up prior to reservation with reservation fees paid during booking. Reservations can be made in person with cash or check, or online through the coach's account. Dirt fields are available free of charge.
- b) Head coaches should review the "Field Availability" link at www.salina-ks.gov/outdoor-athletic-information before visiting the Fieldhouse or calling (785) 833-2260.

General Practice Information

- Pre-season and season practices are scheduled in 90-minute intervals:
 - Weekdays: 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (some field schedules may vary due to previously scheduled activities).
 - Weekends: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM.
- From late March to mid-July, Bill Burke fields may be unavailable due to games, events & weekend tournaments.
- Coaches are encouraged to save practice reservation permits on their phone to settle any on-site conflict issues.
- Teams are limited to a maximum of two reserved practices per week throughout the season.

Designated BASEBALL Practice Fields	Designated SOFTBALL Practice Fields:
Bill Burke #1, #3, #4, #5 (8-12U only) Bondy #1 & #2, BFRA #3 & #4 (13-14U only), Stewart 7pm, Lakewood 5:30pm, South HS East Wilbur BSB (Summer Only), Pestinger \$50/hour	Bill Burke #2, #6, #7, #8 Bondy #3, BFRA #1 & #2 Stewart 5:30pm, Lakewood 7p, South HS East Central Softball Field (Summer Only)

Summer Season Practices: (3rd Monday of May (*May 18*) – 2nd Thursday of July (*July 9*))

- League game schedules will be released by the 2nd Friday of May (*May 9*) at 5pm.
- Pre-season practices end on the 3rd Sunday of May (*May 17*) with league games gradually beginning the 3rd Monday of May (*May 18*). Older divisions will begin after Memorial weekend.
- Coaches may reserve up to one practice per week for the remainder of the season:
 - League Teams: Starting Wednesday following releasing of schedules (*May 13*) at 11:00 AM.
 - Traveling Teams: Starting Thursday following releasing of schedules (*May 14*) at 11:00 AM.
- Most practices during this time will be reserved for dirt fields free of charge. Very limited (if any) availability exists on Bill Burke turf fields for \$17/hour due to league games and tournaments taking precedence.

Late Summer – Fall Season (Mid-July – Oct. 30):

Starting after league ends – the day before Halloween (*October 30*), a maximum of 5 Bill Burke turf fields will be available (weather pending) to be reserved at \$17/hour. All 8 Bill Burke Fields would be available for weekend tournaments. Dirt fields (weather pending) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis without guaranteed maintenance. Salina Fieldhouse is available for inclement weather.

Lockable dirt fields and selected facilities will be winterized and closed by Oct. 30.

All facilities will be closed on Halloween Oct. 31.

Late Fall Season (Nov. 1 – Day Before Thanksgiving):

Starting the day after Halloween (*November 1*) – the day before Thanksgiving (*November 25*), a maximum of 3 Bill Burke turf fields will be available (weather pending) to be reserved at \$17/hour. No tournaments scheduled during this period. Lockable dirt fields will be locked. Salina Fieldhouse is available for inclement weather.

Winter Season (Thanksgiving – 2nd Sunday of January):

Starting on Thanksgiving (*November 26*) – 2nd Sunday of January (*January 10, 2027*), all Bill Burke, Berkley Family Recreational Area and lockable dirt fields will be locked with no tournaments and reservations allowed during this period. Exception: A maximum of 1 Bill Burke turf field will be available for drop-in play (weather pending). The Salina Fieldhouse is available for inclement weather.

Dates in bold and italics are the same yearly corresponding dates and will be updated by staff on an annual basis.

***Certain situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Salina Parks & Recreation Department.**