

Facility Management Plan for Evening Events in Bernlohr Stadium

Athletic Contests

Monday – Friday Evening Games

Game light usage:

University hosted evening games Sunday – Friday will typically begin at 7:00 pm. Most contests will conclude by 9:00 pm. Unless an unforeseen event (e.g., dangerous weather conditions, serious injury to an athlete, extended overtime, etc.) delays a contest, it is expected that the lights will be turned off the evening of a game no later than 9:30 pm, allowing for the facility to be cleaned after the contest. If an unforeseen event does delay a contest, Capital University will be permitted to keep the lights on until 10:00.

Sound system usage:

Pregame music will begin one hour prior to the start of all contests. The music will be set at approximately 60 dB when measured by Capital University in the alleyway east of the field. During the games, the volume may be increased if the announcer cannot be heard, but will not exceed 65 dB when measured by Capital University in the alleyway east of the field. Music may be played after a significant play (touchdown, goal, etc.,) and during halftime.

As per NCAA championship guidelines, music must be “radio play” music and should be appropriate for public consumption (music with actual or inferred profanity, racist, sexist, or otherwise degrading messages is not allowed).

Saturday Evening Games

Game light usage:

University hosted evening games on Saturday will typically begin at 7:00 pm. Most contests will conclude by 10:00 pm. Unless an unforeseen event (e.g., dangerous weather conditions, serious injury to an athlete, etc.) delays a contest for an extended period of time, it is expected that the lights will be turned off on Saturday no later than 10:30 pm, allowing for the facility to be cleaned after the contest. If an unforeseen event does delay a contest, Capital University will be permitted to keep the lights on until 11:00 pm.

Sound system usage:

Pregame music will begin one hour prior to the start of all contests. The music will be set at approximately 60 dB when measured by Capital University in the alleyway east of the field. During the games, the volume may be increased if the announcer cannot be heard, but will not exceed 65 dB when measured by Capital University in the alleyway east of the field. Music may be played after a significant play (touchdown, goal, etc.,) and during halftime.

As per NCAA championship guidelines, music must be “radio play” music and should be appropriate for public consumption (music with actual or inferred profanity, racist, sexist, or otherwise degrading messages is not allowed).

Practice/Intramural Usage

Practice/Intramural light usage:

When the field is used for an evening practice or intramurals, field usage will end at 9:00 pm and the lights will be turned off no later than 9:15 pm. When the field is used in the evening for practice or intramurals, unforeseen events (e.g., dangerous weather conditions, serious injuries, etc.) will not change the time that lights are turned off.

Sound system usage during practices/intramurals

The sound system will not be used during practices/intramurals.

Limitations to Light Usage

In addition to the time limitations set forth previously in this document, the university’s Athletic Department will be permitted to use lights from August 1 through November 30, and from January 15 through April 30.

Lights will generally not be used during December, May, June, or July unless for a community-sponsored event, to accommodate an OAC or NCAA-sanctioned playoff event.

Wayfinding

All visitors who plan to attend evening events in the stadium will be directed to park in university parking lots. Signage for evening games will be placed at the corner of Main Street and Pleasant Ridge to direct attendees to on-campus parking. The parking lots designated for visitors include the parking lots immediately south of the Capital Center as well as the parking lots that are immediately to the east of the Campus Center.

Event Management

Capital will designate an employee to serve as the game manager for each game. Responsibilities of that position will include field preparation, and ensuring a safe, welcoming venue and atmosphere for all guests. One senior-level athletic department administrator will typically attend

weekday games, and at least two senior-level administrators typically attend Saturday evening games.

Buses from visiting schools will be asked to drop student-athletes off in front of the Capital Center and then directed to park on Pleasant Ridge Avenue between Main and Mound Streets. If that space is not available, buses will be directed to park in the parking lot to the east of the Student Center. If that space is not available, buses will be directed to park in the parking lot immediately to the west of Huber-Spielman Hall. Bus drivers will be instructed to turn the vehicles off while parked.

Those guests who wish to tailgate will be asked to do so in the following locations:

- The northernmost area of the parking lot to the south of the Capital Center and west of the Alumni House.
- The parking lot immediately to the east of Yochum Hall.
- The parking lot immediately to the north of the tennis courts.

Police/Security at Events

The university employs uniformed police officers who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. As security is a priority at all games, consideration has been given to the need for a specific security focus on athletic events. Therefore, if it is projected that an athletic contest will have at least 500 attendees, one uniformed police officer will be assigned to that game. If it is projected that more than 1,000 attendees will be present, two uniformed police officers will be assigned. If it is projected that more than 1,500 attendees will be present, at least three police officers will be present. Additional police officers may be added if the game is a rivalry game or is a game that could determine a championship.

After an evening contest is completed, if the contest requires an officer, one of the officers will be stationed at the southeast corner of the stadium to ensure that persons are safe and property is not damaged.