

Stadium Lights Committee
Approved Suggested Regulations
Concerning the Use of Lights at Darien High School Stadium

The following regulations concern the use of lights at DHS Stadium:

Who

- Darien High School athletics and school sanctioned extra curricular activities will take priority in all scheduling.
- Other than for an FCIAC championship series, Darien High School must be a participating team in all evening interscholastic contests on the Stadium Field.
- One FCIAC championship series in any sport appropriate to the Stadium field may be held in the evening on the lighted Stadium Field each school year.
- Only Darien non-profit youth sports organizations (e.g., Darien Junior Football League, Darien Soccer Association, Darien Softball, Darien, Little League, Darien Babe Ruth League, Darien Lacrosse and Darien YMCA youth leagues) will be considered to schedule time on the Stadium Field in the evening for athletic practices or games.
- Adult athletic leagues will not be permitted to schedule time in the evening on the lighted Stadium Field.

What

- No more than 12 Darien High School interscholastic games (including playoffs) will be held in the evening in the fall on the Stadium Field.
- No more than 10 Darien High School interscholastic games (including playoffs) will be held in the evening in the spring on the Stadium Field.

When

- During the school year there will be no evening games or practices on the Stadium Field from the end of the CIAC fall season until the beginning of the CIAC spring season.
- There will be no lights on Sundays.
- There will be no lights used during the summer months from the end of the CIAC spring season to the beginning of the CIAC fall season.
- For practices and other activities (Monday through Saturday) lights will be out by 8:00 p.m.
- For Darien High School interscholastic games (Monday through Saturday) lights will be out by 9:00 p.m. with the exception of football games where lights will be out by 10:00 p.m.
 - Games may be scheduled on only one evening of a weekend, within the time parameters outlined above. Games will not be scheduled on both Friday and Saturday evenings of the same weekend.

- Football games are permitted on Fridays only, within the time parameters outlined above.

How

- The use of amplified sound and music in the evening for Darien High School athletics must be approved in advance by the athletic director. Amplified sound and music in the evening will be limited to use deemed necessary to the student athlete's skill development. Such Darien High School use shall cease by 7:00 p.m. with the exception of football games.
- Noisemakers such as air horns and cowbells are prohibited during evening games.
- High school bands may only play during football games and only through half time.
- The Administration will document and implement procedures for trash removal/ litter abatement. (See attached memo)
- Security, traffic control and crowd management protocols, based on anticipated event attendance, will be established in consultation with the Darien Police Department. (See attached memo)

Other

- The Lights Committee recommends examining the Darien High School sound system to see whether it can be relocated / muffled and or redirected toward the high school buildings, rather than outward toward the neighborhood to reduce ambient noise levels.
- Consider off site parking at Middlesex or Darien Train Station for special games.
- Reentry to games and loitering in the parking lot will be prohibited.
- These guidelines will be evaluated by the Board of Education after one year.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON FEBRUARY 26, 2008