

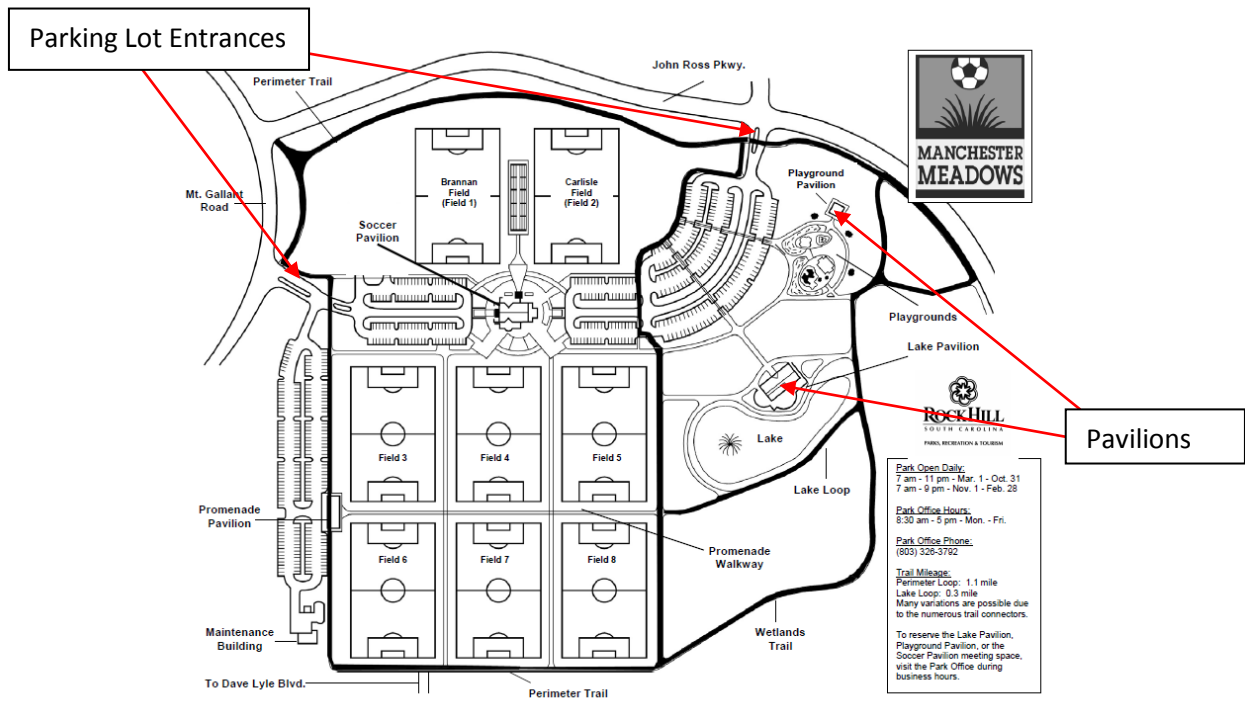


Hello players, coaches and friends!

We are all extremely excited for the 2nd annual Catawba Classic lacrosse tournament. We have been working very hard to make sure everyone has a great experience. As I did last year, I wanted to share a few items with you so there are no surprises and everyone has a great time.

The Facility.....

- Our friends at Manchester Meadows take great pride in the quality of their facility. I think you will agree. To keep the fields in top shape, they ask that you please abide by their rules:
 - Pop-up tents/canopies are welcome but please do not stake them in the ground.
 - There is plenty of room between fields so please stay in that area if you are not playing. No one is to be on the playing fields between games or if a field is idle.
 - Pets are not allowed in the gated playing field area.
 - Please do your best to pick up after yourself.
- While there are plenty of restaurants in the surrounding area, there are 2 well equipped concession stands that are convenient and run by Manchester with prices that will not break the bank.
- If you have long breaks between games, there are 2 different pavilions at the park with picnic tables and grills available if you desire.
- There is ample parking but since we have over 60 teams participating, parking will still be a bit tight. Please note there are 2 parking lots that have separate entrances and are not connected.



Auxiliary Parking....

This year, we also have auxiliary parking in case of an overflow. These lots are located on the other side of Manchester Plaza using 2 vacant restaurant lots. We will be providing free shuttle to and from these lots to the field. Feel free to drop off all your gear at the field and take advantage of the remote parking. A map is also enclosed to help.

Registration....

Coaches, we will be taking final paper work from you including signed waiver forms both Friday evening and Saturday. We will be located on the 2nd floor of the main pavilion at the center of Manchester from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday. On Saturday, we will be accepting this paper work at the main HQ table outside starting at 7:00am. We must have completed rosters and a signed waiver turned in for every player before your team can participate.

The Catawba Nation.....

The name Catawba Classic was chosen to pay homage to the original inhabitants of this area; the Catawba Indians. Many descendants of the original Catawbas continue to call this area home and some will be joining us this weekend. As we know, today's sport of Lacrosse descends directly from the game played by early Native Americans. This tournament represents the intersection of these two proud traditions. To help us celebrate, members from the Catawba Nation will be performing a traditional Indian dance to help kick off our event. Please plan on joining us in the large patio area outside of fields 1 and 2 during the 2:00 PM break on Saturday.

Safety.....

We will have athletic trainers as well as EMTs onsite throughout the event. Hopefully they will get to just be spectators but it is June in South Carolina so it will be warm. Please stay well hydrated as our medical staff has told us that this is our biggest health risk.

Sportsmanship.....

Our head of officiating asked to relay the following message. Please keep in mind this is a summer league tournament. We have participants coming from many states, many age levels and many skill levels. Please show good sportsmanship at all times. Fighting will absolutely not be tolerated and will result in tournament ejection. No one wants to see that. Play hard and have fun.

New this year – Showcase games....

We will be hosting boys and girls showcase games at 9:00pm Saturday night. These games will showcase some of the best talent from our U19 divisions. We will have some college coaches in attendance as we work to grow this into even more of a marquee event. Come join us on fields 1 and 2 Saturday night under the lights.

HELP with Tornado Relief...

This year we will have a collection table setup to help supply victims of the recent tornados in Tennessee and Missouri. We are collecting nonperishables and cash donations. Details are in the attachment.

Weather.....

Like I said, it is June in South Carolina so rain and storms are always a possibility. If it is just rain, simple, we all get wet. We will take no risks obviously with lightning. Manchester has weather monitoring capabilities and we will follow their lead if bad weather threatens. If a game starts but is then interrupted, it counts as is. We can push our schedule late on Saturday to make up lost time and will make adjustments as needed.

Status Updates....

Continue to monitor our website for status updates. We will post game results there, division standings, playoff schedule, etc. We will also have an onsite posting for results.

Onsite store....

We are really happy to have STX as our primary sponsor in conjunction with The Lacrosse Company. Representatives from STX will be onsite demoing their latest and greatest gear in addition to other cool give-aways. The Lacrosse Company is our exclusive on premise retailer for all things lacrosse and will have their tent setup near the central pavilion.

So in closing, we are only days away from the getting together in Rock Hill. It's going to be a great weekend and we are so glad you have chosen to join us.



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