

Corkball Fields

Tower Grove Park is home to 4 Corkball fields located on the south east side of the Park. The fields are available on a first come first serve basis. However, permits can be purchased to reserve a field for a specific date and time. Please contact the Recreation Coordinator at (314)-771-4484 for more information.

Reservation Cost: \$10 per 90 minutes

Basic Rules

All that is required to play are a bat (34" to 38" long and 1 1/2" wide), a ball (2" diameter 1.6 oz. miniature baseball) and at least two players per team. This is what makes the game so great; you can play with just two players, or, as many as you wish. The same goes for the field. You can play on an open field, or, in an alley or, as in the old days, a cage.

There are three outs per inning, as in baseball, but unlike baseball, just one swinging strike is an out, if the catcher does not drop the ball. Two called strikes constitute an out, again, if the catcher "holds" the ball. Five called balls is considered a walk. Foul balls and any fly ball caught are outs. Any ground ball is a hit, provided it travels 15 feet and remains in fair territory. There are no base-runners. All hits are singles unless otherwise designated in the league rules where chalk lines designate distances from home plate that represent double, triple, and home run zones. A batter hit by a pitch is given a base.

St. Louis corkball is a fast-pitch game. The distance from home plate to the pitching rubber is 55ft. (60 ft 6 " in baseball). Pitchers throw overhand, from a mound, and feature fastballs, curveballs, knuckleballs, changeups, and, in some leagues, are even allowed to add substance to the ball. Because of the miniscule size of the bat and ball, hits are relatively rare, and runs even more so.