

Tuesday April 1, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Halton Hawks Girls Fastpitch Association to formally request an amplified music permit for the diamonds at the Georgetown fairgrounds, where our youth softball programs take place.

Our organization represents a significant number of youth participants, approximately 250 young female athletes and another 50+ dedicated volunteers involved in our programs. As part of our efforts to enhance the experience for our players and spectators, we are seeking permission to incorporate walk-up music into our games.

The proposed use of amplified music would involve playing brief clips of songs as our players approach the batting position. These music clips (may or may not announce players name), typically lasting approximately 10-15 seconds, serve to energize our players and create an engaging atmosphere for everyone involved. It is important to note that we are committed to ensuring the music played is free of profanity, explicit content, or undesirable lyrics.

To uphold these standards, we are prepared to establish a committee within our executive to oversee compliance with the permitted music selections. This committee will work diligently to ensure that all music played during our games aligns with the values and expectations of our organizations and the broader community.

I strongly believe that incorporating walk-up music adds an element of excitement and enjoyment to our youth softball games. Beyond simply enhancing the spectator experience, walk-up music supports the mental health and well-being of our players by providing a brief respite from the pressures of the game, allowing them to enter the batter's box relaxed and confident they can be successful.

Furthermore, walk-up music has become a commonplace feature in various sporting events, contributing to the overall ambiance and energy of the game. By granting us permission to play short music clips at an acceptable decibel level, you would be supporting our efforts to create a positive and memorable experience for all involved.

On average, each game would feature approximately 60 at-bats (combined for both teams), resulting in about 10 minutes of music played in short clips throughout the game. I am confident that this modest use of amplified music will enhance the overall atmosphere of our games without causing any disruption to the surrounding community.

In conclusion, I respectfully request your consideration and approval of the application for an amplified music permit. I am committed to upholding the highest standards of conduct and ensuring that the use of walk-up music contributes positively to the youth softball experience in the Town of Halton Hills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

Sarah Luskey
President



Halton Hawks Girls Fastpitch Association (HHGFA)