



# Art Van Sports Complex

## Water Quality Statement and FAQ

December 12, 2018



The West Michigan Sports Commission's top priority is ensuring that our visitors to the Art Van Sports Complex are safe – and that includes providing safe water.

While we are confident that our drinking water is safe, as it is sourced directly from the Plainfield Charter Township Water Department where it is tested daily, we are taking steps to look at all of our water supply sources, including our well water used for irrigation only.

You can expect that we will continue to take appropriate action to ensure our patrons remain in a safe playing environment and we will communicate all of our findings via this website page.

### **-FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-**

#### **1. Where does the Art Van Sports Complex get its water?**

The Art Van Sports Complex drinking fountains; bathroom faucets, toilets; and concession water supply all comes from a public watermain sourced from the Plainfield Charter Twp. Water Treatment facility.

The Art Van Sports Complex fields are irrigated from an irrigation pond, filled by two well systems located on the complex property.

#### **2. Is water from the public source tested for contaminants?**

Yes, the Plainfield Township Water Department is committed to providing superior quality water that meets or exceeds the high safety standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Act sets forth a rigorous scientific process to set standards for drinking water quality. Their skilled water professionals work tirelessly to fulfill the standards and protect public health and safety.

#### **3. Has irrigation water used on the fields been tested?**

While the Kent County Health Department and EPA have deemed that any concern with regard to groundwater sources having potential for newly discovered PFAS contaminants exist only if the water is ingested, the Art Van Sports Complex is taking steps to test the well water used for irrigation to confirm that it is not affected by these contaminants.

#### **4. When does the Art Van Sports Complex irrigate their fields?**

Complex grounds staff water each field as needed on a daily/weekly basis depending on dry weather conditions to best prepare the field turf for competitive play. The fields are typically watered during off-peak hours when no games are taking place (10pm-6am).

#### **5. Are players and spectators allowed to bring their own water?**

Yes, any visitor to the complex may bring their own water. In addition, the complex always has bottled water available for sale at any of the concession locations.



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The following are additional resources with regard to PFAS groundwater contaminants:

- [AccessKent.com/Health/PFAS/belmont.htm](http://AccessKent.com/Health/PFAS/belmont.htm) - Kent County Health Department
- [PlainfieldMi.org/water](http://PlainfieldMi.org/water) - Plainfield Township Water Department
- [Michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-tou-OER-BelmontGW\\_FAQ\\_605164\\_7.pdf](http://Michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-tou-OER-BelmontGW_FAQ_605164_7.pdf) - MDEQ Fact Sheet
- [Wolverineworldwide.com/about-us/environment/](http://Wolverineworldwide.com/about-us/environment/) - environment page of corporate site
- [WeareWolverine.com](http://WeareWolverine.com) - Wolverine Worldwide blog about contamination issue