



OPS- Parks and Forestry Branch	
Parks Services and Construction	
Standard Operating Policy:	
Inclement Weather Policy	

Introduction:	Rental facilities will be closed during inclement weather based on the information provided here.
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Purpose:	<p>In an effort to avoid damage to our sports fields and injury to players, the following policy will apply:</p> <p>Sports fields in the City of Barrie will be considered unplayable if the following conditions exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ponding of water on the surface of the field/diamond 2. Water sponging up around your feet when walking on the field/diamond 3. Muddy footprints being left behind in the field or on the diamond. 3. Weather conditions – lightning, strong winds and thunder <p>If these conditions occur, the field/diamond will be considered “UNPLAYABLE” and the practice cancelled, or game rescheduled. The City shall have exclusive rights to CANCEL any game booked due to wet field conditions.</p> <p>If a group arrives at a field and these conditions exist or if these conditions develop during the course of a game, they are asked NOT to play on the field/diamond. Several factors must be considered, including the safety of the participants, the possibility of liability through accidents or injury, and the unnecessary expense of field/diamond repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>If the group ignores the “UNPLAYABLE” conditions,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The permit holder will be required to pay for all damages to the field/diamond arising from abuse to the facility where he/she or group are deemed responsible, 2. The permit holder could be held liable and responsible for accidents, or injuries incurred because of unsafe conditions, and 3. The permit holder may have their permit suspended or revoked for any future use of a field/diamond.
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Procedure:	<p><u>City Initiated Closures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every effort will be made to accommodate rentals - Customers will be notified as soon as possible or at the latest by 3:30pm by staff of a field/diamond closure.
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Procedure Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City staff reserve the rights to close any facility they deem unplayable. - City staff will inspect each field for the following elements: - Ponding of water on the surface of the field/diamond - Water sponging up around your feet when walking on the field/diamond - Muddy footprints being left behind in the field or on the diamond. - Weather conditions – lightning, strong winds and thunder <p>Fields/ball diamonds shall not be used if lightning is visible. Immediately move to a safe location – away from metal structures (backstops, fences), tall structures (light standards, trees) and out of the open field.</p> <p>The cancellations webpage will be updated Monday through Friday by 3:30pm. It is the responsibility of the designated Parks Maintenance staff to provide said updates to the Recreation and Cultural Services Department.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For inclement weather information and to find out if a sports field is closed, please visit our website at: www.barrie.ca/SportsFields</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Providing this information to out-of-town teams is strongly advised and encouraged. The after-hours and emergency number is 705-726-4242.</p>
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REFERENCES/ ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS & LOCATION:			
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