



PARKS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF BALL DIAMONDS/SOCCER FIELDS/COURTS
IN THE CITY OF BARRIE

WET FIELD / RAIN-OUT POLICY

In an effort to avoid damage to our sports fields and injury to players, the following policy will apply:

Sports fields in the City of Barrie will be considered **unplayable** if the following conditions exist:

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. Weather conditions – lightning

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.

If a group arrives at a field and these conditions exist or if these conditions develop during 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.

If the group ignores the **“UNPLAYABLE”** conditions,

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.

If in doubt, call the Leisure, Transit and Facilities Office at 739-4223 between 3:15 and 4:30 p.m. on the day of the game (Monday to Friday) to confirm the playability of the field/ball diamond which you are scheduled to play on.

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.