

With the start of the season, we would just like to send out a quick reminder regarding the City of Saskatoon's Inclement Weather Guidelines.

Inclement Weather Guidelines

The usage of sport fields when the turf is wet creates ruts, worn areas, and compacts the soil, which reduces turf grass growth (ex. goal mouth areas). This use results in long-term damage to the turf, which reduces the quality of the playing surface. These problems create unsafe playing conditions, impacts field availability, and cannot be corrected through the regular maintenance program.

During heavy rain or after a prolonged rain (ex. 6 to 8 hours plus), please discontinue play to reduce damage to the playing surface.

When deciding to use a field during or after inclement weather:

- 1. If there is standing water (ex. puddles) on the field – **do not use the field.***
- 2. If water squishes underneath one's feet when they walk on the turf – **do not use the field.***

The responsibility is on the user to assess field usage conditions prior to playing. All repair cost resulting from sport groups using wet fields will be charged directly to the offending team(s) or organization(s).

During league play, if games are rained out causing wet playing conditions, make-up games must be booked through the Allocations Office at 306-975-3366. League games do not receive a refund due to inclement weather cancellations.

The City of Saskatoon's Allocations Office requires written notification on any cancelled bookings due to weather conditions within 48 hours after the tournament. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the fee of the sport field(s).

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines so we can ensure the fields are available for use in the best condition possible throughout the season.



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