

POLICY

TITLE: Outdoor Sport Facility Rain-Out Policy

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CATEGORY: Departmental – Recreation & Parks

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REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS:

POLICY DETAILS:

In an effort to help control and alleviate unnecessary and expensive repairs and maintenance to our sports fields the following Department Policy will be adhered to.

Sports fields in Halton Hills will be considered unplayable if the following conditions exist:

- A) Visual ponding of water on the surface of the field/diamond.
- B) Water sponding up around your feet when walking on the field/diamonds.

If either of these conditions are in existence then the field/diamond will be considered “**UNPLAYABLE**” and the practice cancelled, or game rescheduled.

If a group arrives at a field with these conditions in existence, 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 accident or injury, and the unnecessary expense of field/diamond repairs and maintenance.

If the group ignores the “**UNPLAYABLE**” conditions, (A) the permit holder may 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, (B) the permit holder could be held liable and responsible for accidents, or injuries incurred because of unsafe conditions, and (C) the permit holder may have their permit suspended, or revoked for any future use of a field/diamond controlled by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department.

(A) **WEEKDAYS**

If in doubt, the Contact Person should call the Community Development Coordinator at (905) 873 2601 ext 2269 (or via email alisonh@haltonhills.ca between 3:15 and 4:30 PM on the day of the game to confirm the playability of the field/diamond that you are scheduled to play on.

NOTE: Information on other sports field emergency matters (i.e. lights not working) should also be directed to the Town answering services after 4:30 PM.

(B) **AFTER HOURS/WEEKENDS**

Emergency After-hours Telephone Contact:

Monday to Friday after 4:30 PM, and on weekends and holidays, call:

905-873-2600 and press 4 to page the On-duty Public Works Supervisor or,
905-873-2601 and press 0 to connect to the live after-hours answering service.

If the answering service has not been advised otherwise, then the field/diamond is to be considered playable.

Cell phone numbers for Infrastructure Services staff will be provided at the start of each season to assist with after hour call-outs for lights or other services.

RESCHEDULING

Please notify the facility Scheduler by the next working day if you cancelled or postponed your game to allow for either a permit extension, credit for lights, or refund (where applicable), or rescheduling of game.