



## **SPORTS FIELD INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

City athletic fields have been designed and are maintained for the enjoyment and use of Roseville residents. The purpose of this policy is to guide the use of City athletic fields, to prevent injuries and damage to the playing surface brought upon by inclement weather and/or unsafe playing conditions. An effective field maintenance program is essential for safe, quality fields and sport complexes. User groups are asked to help us by accepting and adhering to these rules. Groups who use the City athletic facilities are expected to assist in protecting their participants and fields during periods of rain or inclement weather.

### **POLICY**

The City of Roseville reserves the right to cancel or suspend outdoor facility or field use permits for games, practices and other uses whenever field conditions could result in injury to players or damage to the fields. Permits may also be cancelled when the health and safety of participants are threatened due to impending conditions, including but not limited to, heavy rains, smog alerts, or pesticide application.

### **PROCEDURE**

The Director or designated representative shall have the authority to close any or all fields within the City of Roseville. During inclement weather, City maintenance staff will assess the playability of all City owned and joint-use Roseville School District fields to determine if use will occur.

### **CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING FIELD PLAYABILITY**

The following information is the City and School Districts policy regarding the use of fields in wet conditions. This policy and described procedures apply to all sports and activities taking place on a grass field, turf area, or infield.

#### ***Baseball and Softball Infields – Brick Dust***

Infields will be deemed unsafe/unplayable when any of the following conditions are present:

- Standing water within the base paths
- Your feet are slipping as you walk through the infield
- The depth of your footprint is greater than 1 inch
- When any of the above conditions are present within the pitching area.

#### ***Soccer, Utility, Baseball and Softball Outfields – Turf***

Outfields and turf area will be deemed unsafe/unplayable when any of the following conditions are present:

- Standing water within the majority of a single playing position (*positions will be determined based on user group*).

- Your feet are suctioned to the ground as you walk within the majority of a single playing position
- Your footprints are filling with water in the majority of a single playing position
- The depth of your footprint is greater than 2 inches in the majority of a single playing position.
- Grass can be dislodged from the parks easily by play.

**USER GROUPS RESPONSIBILITY**

- If it has rained within the preceding 24 hours, groups using public fields must check the City website - Parks and Recreation webpage (see “Field Conditions” [Roseville.ca.us/fields](http://Roseville.ca.us/fields)) to receive updated information on field playability. On weekends, groups must check the Sports Field Condition Hotline (916-746-1257). Generally, only same-day information will be provided, except in the case of extreme conditions or scheduled maintenance. City staff will make a determination of field conditions. The determinations/decisions are not negotiable.
- The city may also declare some fields subject to reinspect. These fields can be evaluated by the individual user group at game time for playability. The user group must use the same playability criteria used by City staff.
- In the event the field conditions on the City website has not been updated (or is unavailable), groups are expected to make educated and responsible decisions regarding field condition playability, keeping in mind the current and future quality of turf facilities. Decisions regarding playability must be made using the above criteria for field playability.
- Groups failing to follow the guidelines of this policy will be subject to cancellation of existing reservations as well as loss of future use. Fields considered too wet and/or muddy by city staff will be monitored for misuse.
- Groups witnessing misuse of fields by other scheduled or unscheduled users are advised to contact the Roseville Police Department (916-774-5000) or Supervisor on Duty (916-746-1274)
- Abuse/use during wet conditions shall result in a minimum \$50 fine for the first infraction and a minimum \$100.00 fine for the second infraction (fine may be higher if the cost of necessary repairs - due to a group’s use/abuse/misuse of a wet field - exceeds the set fine amount). A third infraction (in a calendar year) will result in loss of future scheduled uses. It is the rental organization’s responsibility to ensure that all coaches and parents understand and enforce this policy.

*I have read, understand and will comply with the City of Roseville’s Sports Field Inclement Weather Policy*

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Name of Organization

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Date

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Name

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Position Held with Organization