

Field Closure Policy

The field closure policy has been put in place to enhance the health and safety for users and to protect the condition of sports fields.

Sports fields in The Town of Newmarket will be considered unplayable if one of the following conditions exists:

1. Pooling of water on the surface of the sport field/diamond
2. Water sponging up around your feet when walking on the sport field/diamond
3. Weather conditions
4. Any health & safety issues

If one of these conditions occurs, the sport field/diamond will be considered unplayable and the field will be closed. While the Town will use the above noted listed conditions to close fields, the Town continues to have exclusive rights to cancel any games booked due to any reason deemed acceptable by the Town.

If a group arrives at a field and one of these conditions exist or develops during the course of a field booking, they are asked not to play on the sport field/diamond. Several factors must be considered, including the safety of the participants, the liability through accidents or injuries, and the expense of sport field/diamond repairs, maintenance and lost revenues.

If the rental permit holder ignores the unplayable conditions,

1. The permit holder will be required to pay for all damages to the sport field/diamond arising from abuse to the facility where he/she or group are deemed responsible,
2. The permit holder will be held liable and responsible for accidents, or injuries incurred because of unsafe conditions, and
3. The permit holder will have their permit suspended, or revoked for any future use of sports fields/diamonds.

Call The Town of Newmarket Outdoor Sport Field Hotline @ 1 877 PLAY936 anytime after 3pm on weekdays and after 8am on weekends and holidays to confirm the playability of the sport field/diamond which you are scheduled to play on. Please check throughout the day on weekends and holidays as sometimes the weather changes and we will change the status. Under certain circumstances, The Town of Newmarket has the exclusive right to deem a field open or closed regardless of field conditions. Particular town fields, such as premier fields, will experience stricter guidelines for field closures.

When severe or threatening weather is imminent, please immediately move to a safe location.

To find out if a sports field/diamond is open, please call The Town of Newmarket Outdoor Sport Field Hotline @ 1 877 PLAY936

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