



Title: Athletic Field Closure Policy	Internal/External: Internal / External
Department: Public Works	Policy Number: PW – 016
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BACKGROUND

The Town of Paradise takes pride in its ability to provide high quality outdoor recreation facilities, for both competitive and recreational athletic organizations. To ensure consistent and efficient outdoor recreational service is provided, it is crucial that the Town take steps to maintain athletic fields.

OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE

This policy allows for the implementation of a standardized process for assessing the suitability of grounds for playing when impacted by weather conditions.

Specifically, it aims to mitigate the destruction of sports grounds during, and following, inclement weather. Further, the policy aims to reduce the possibility of injury caused by activity on unsafe athletic fields because of inclement weather.

DEFINITIONS

"Town" refers to the Town of Paradise.

"Athletic fields" refers to any Town-owned outdoor athletic fields,

"Inclement Weather" refers to weather conditions, as determined by the Town of Paradise or an employee or agent of the Town of Paradise, that may result in the necessity to close athletic fields, such as snow, excessive rain, lightning, and other naturally occurring conditions.

"Penalty or Penalties" refers to action to be carried out when persons using the athletic fields do not comply with this policy.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to all recreational and competitive organizations who utilize Town-owned athletic fields. In the event of Inclement Weather, the following procedures are to be followed. Non-compliance will result in Penalties as outlined in the Guidelines of this policy.

GUIDELINES

1 Athletic field inspection and Decision

- 1.1 The decision to close athletic fields will be made by the Public Works Foreperson following an inspection of the athletic fields. Athletic field inspections will take place no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of Inclement Weather.
- 1.2 The athletic fields will only be inspected on days of inclement weather. On good weather days the sport grounds will all be open and will not require an athletic field inspection.
- 1.3 All stakeholders will be notified in advance if any planned maintenance to the sport grounds.
- 1.4 If it is determined that the sport grounds are ready and open for events/games, there will be no notification. Notification will only be given when the fields are closed.
- 1.5 Should a decision be made to close athletic fields on a day of Inclement Weather, the athletic fields shall remain closed for the remainder of the day, unless the Town notifies otherwise.
- 1.6 If the weather worsens (for example, if lightning develops) during a scheduled usage time, User groups on the fields are responsible to determine if the weather presents an issue for the safety of its users, and spectators.

2. Communication of Closure

User groups will be notified by the Recreation and Community Services department in the event of an athletic field closure.

3. Penalties

Those who contravene any decision made with regards to athletic field closures will initially be given a warning in respect of their violation. Should violators be found in contravention a second time, that team or group will be suspended from using all Town owned Sport grounds for the remainder of the season.

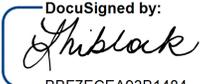
REVISION HISTORY

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REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy may be subject to review given new experience or new knowledge.

APPROVAL

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