

MAPLEWOOD SOCCER FIELD RAINOUT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather or saturated ground*, fields will be closed to ensure the safety of participants and to prevent turf damage. Inclement weather includes:

- a. Thunderstorms (thunder, lightening and/or hail)
- b. Heavy rain storms and/or saturated ground*
- c. Heavy frost or snow cover
- d. Extreme Temperatures
- e. Any weather condition that may be dangerous to participants or damage fields.

*Saturated ground refers to standing water on a field or conditions when the ground is so wet that use of the field will damage the turf.

Whenever possible the decision to close fields will be made by City of Maplewood Recreation Department staff.

The decision to close fields will be made as follows:

- a. When fields are closed the Recreation Department will record the appropriate message on the Maplewood Recreation Rainout Line (651-249-2190) for coaches and directors to access. On weekdays the Recreation Staff will attempt to contact NESAs Board Member Sandra Hasher and/or the NESAs President about cancellations. It is the responsibility of these individuals to contact the appropriate coaches and officials.
- b. Weekdays: When possible, the decision to close fields will be made by 2:00 p.m. If inclement weather conditions develop after the office closes, the game officials will make the decision to close fields.
- c. Information in regards to field closings will be recorded on the Recreation Department information line – 651-249-2120.
- d. City of Maplewood and District 622 personnel reserve the right to close fields under special circumstances.

Permitted field users will be held financially responsible for any turf damage caused by the use of fields during inclement weather, by the use of fields with saturated ground or by the use of fields in a negligent or inappropriate manner at any time. Damaged fields may be closed for extended periods to allow for turf repair and restoration.