



Field Closure Guidelines for Athletic Fields

The Centerville-Washington Park District is committed to providing quality park facilities for the primary benefit of Centerville and Washington Township residents. Park District staff are trained in turf management and field use policies were developed to enable the District to provide first-class, safe facilities for youth and adult athletes. By following these policies, the community and Park District together can assure a positive and safe athletic experience for all.

Play under wet conditions is the most limiting factor in providing quality athletic fields. The Centerville-Washington Park District will not allow play when field conditions may contribute to unsafe play or when use would damage the fields and significantly lessen their safety and suitability for future play.

If any of the following conditions exist, the athletic fields will be closed:

- a) When soil moisture is so high that there is standing water *or* muddy conditions, which could compromise the safety of the players or negatively impact the future playability of the athletic field. This includes high traffic areas such as goal and home plate areas.
- b) Turf that is saturated to such a level that activities on the field would cause thinning of the turf, damage to the soil structure, divots which may dry to uneven surface, or cause further damage to already worn areas.
- c) The presence of frost or frozen turf conditions. (Foot traffic in these conditions will kill the grass plant)

At the Park District's discretion, the above standards may be amended when making decisions for tournaments or special events.

The Park District will make a decision on whether to close fields no later than two hours prior to the first scheduled game time. If it should begin to rain within two hours prior to the scheduled game or during a game, the referee or game official is responsible for making the decision to close fields if turf conditions become unsafe.

For questions on these guidelines, please call the Park District at 937-433-5155 or email mail@cwpd.org.