



# Usage & Inclement Weather Guidelines

The City of Saskatoon Community Services Department and the Infrastructure Services Department, Parks Branch make sportsfields available to user groups through Leisure Services Allocations (located at Lawson Civic Centre, Primrose Drive) - **975-3366**

The use of sportsfields when the turf is wet creates ruts, worn areas, and compacts the soil, which reduces turf grass growth (i.e. goal mouth areas). This use results in long-term damage to the turf, which reduces the quality of the playing surface. These problems create unsafe playing conditions and impact field availability and cannot be corrected through our regular maintenance program due to a limited maintenance budget.

## Inclement weather usage guidelines:

ALL repair costs, resulting from sport groups using wet fields, WILL be charged directly to the offending team(s) or organization(s)!

During heavy rain or after a prolonged rain (i.e., 6 to 8 hrs +), please discontinue play to reduce damage to the playing surface;

When deciding to use a field after or during rain:

- If there is standing water, i.e., puddles of water on the field — do not use the field;
- If water squishes under foot when you walk on the turf – do not use the field.

The onus is on the sportsfield user to call the Public Works Department, Parks Branch at 975-3300 regarding the conditions of the field and ensure fields are not used when wet!

Play it safe – if unsure on whether to play or not call the Parks Branch, 975-3300 or Allocations, 975-3366

## Other Usage Guidelines:

The use of herbicides/pesticides on sportsfields is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Public Works Department, Parks Branch.

The use of “Round-Up” mixed with line paint is strictly prohibited.

Parking is limited at many parks. Encourage teams to park in designated parking lots or on the street. Parking in front of residential/commercial properties may result in receiving a parking ticket.

Emergency vehicles only (e.g. ambulance or police) allowed on park surface. Damages from vehicles will be charged to the user group!

When possible, perform non-game warm-up exercises along the edges of the field to save wear and tear on the main playing surface.

Use garbage containers located adjacent to the playing fields.

## Lining of Sports Fields:

Priority field markings for the perimeters and goal creases of soccer/football fields and foul lines for ball diamonds will begin mid-April (weather permitting).

Do not mark fields that conflict with the existing Parks Branch markings unless prior approval has been granted from Leisure Services.

By adhering to the sportsfield usage guidelines you will be contributing to the longevity of our assets. Working together will ensure we have safe, quality playing surfaces for participants. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.