

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF SOCCER FIELDS/BALL DIAMONDS

WET FIELD / RAIN-OUT PROCEDURE

In an effort to avoid damage to our sports fields and injury to players, the following procedures will apply:

Simcoe County District School Board fields/diamonds will be considered unplayable if the following conditions exist:

1. Ponding of water on the surface of the field/diamond.
2. Water sponging up around one's feet when walking on the field/diamond.
3. Weather conditions – lightning, thunderstorms.

If any of these conditions occur, the field/diamond will be considered “UNPLAYABLE” and the practice cancelled or game rescheduled. The Board, through the direction of the principal or designate, shall have the exclusive rights to cancel any game booked due to wet field conditions.

If a group arrives at a field and these conditions exist or if these conditions develop during the course of a game, they are not permitted to play on the field/diamond. Several factors must be considered, including the safety of the participants, the possibility of liability through accidents or injury, and the unnecessary expense of field/diamond repairs and maintenance.

If a group ignores the “UNPLAYABLE” conditions:

1. The permit holder will be required to pay for all damages to the field/diamond arising from abuse to the facility.
2. The permit holder could be held liable and responsible for accidents, or injuries incurred because of unsafe conditions.
3. The permit holder may have their permit suspended or revoked for any future use of a field/diamond.

Fields/ball diamonds shall not be used if lightning is visible. Immediately move to a safe location – away from metal structures (backstops, fences), tall structures (light standards, trees) and out of the open field.