



City of Grimes
Field Closure Policy
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-Upon any event that the City of Grimes feels the sports fields are not in a good enough condition to use, they can and will close the fields to all uses. If the City of Grimes staff determines that the soccer fields are not usable and the baseball or softball fields are usable then the baseball and or softball fields will be open for use and vice-a-versa.

-If the soccer fields are closed then all the soccer fields are closed.

-If the baseball fields are closed then all the baseball fields are closed.

-If the softball fields are closed then all the softball fields are closed.

This is to eliminate any confusion to outside groups, organizations, or individuals as to which field(s) are or are not closed or open.

-On a rain related closure the fields are monitored each day for progress to usable conditions. The decision on Monday through Friday to close the fields will be made by 1:00 PM. The signs will be set out in the event of a closure and the City of Grimes will make every effort to contact the primary club contacts to notify of the event. The City of Grimes also has a bulk folder of various contacts that will be sent the notice.

-If the fields are closed on Friday at 1:00PM then they will continue to be closed Saturday until 11:00 AM. City staff will look at the fields previous to 11:00 AM and make a judgment call as to field status. If there is a change in the status, the City of Grimes will try to reach the current club contacts via phone. The signs will also be taken down at this time. If the fields continue to be closed, City of Grimes staff will try to notify club contacts by way of phone and the signs will remain until 11:00 AM Sunday and the process will repeat itself.

-The main thing to understand is that in the event of a weekend closure, the control device will be the signs and that the fields will have been checked by 11:00 AM on Saturday and 11:00 AM on Sunday to determine field conditions.

-Our goal is to have a policy that everyone understands and that our primary users will follow. It is not the City of Grimes intent to cause confusion or inconvenience to any club or organization. Millions of taxpayer dollars have gone into this facility and it is the job of city staff to protect and maintain this investment.

DC-G Soccer Club Field Closure Policy

In the event that the City of Grimes closes the Sports Complex due to field conditions, the DC-G Soccer Club will adhere to the following policy:

Friday Closure: Field closure will be determined by 1:00pm and if fields are closed, **there will be no Saturday morning games played.** In essence, if fields are closed on Friday, then they will also be closed on Saturday. This allows coaches the opportunity to notify their team and the opposing team that games will not be played on Saturday.

Sunday Closure: If fields remain closed on Saturday, the city will re-evaluate Sunday morning. **If the fields remain closed, there will be no Sunday games** and coaches will be notified by 11:00am. If coaches are not notified, then assume the fields are open for play.

Notification Procedure

Visit the club website at www.dcgssoccer.com. The field status will be at the top of the home page.

Coaches providing e-mails will receive an e-mail notification from the Director of Fields.

An automated voice message will be sent.