

# Dallas Center-Grimes Soccer Club Field Closure Policy



## Objective:

The Dallas Center-Grimes Soccer Club will close the soccer fields based on weather and field conditions during the club's **in-season**. The policy is specific to the soccer club and is not to be confused with the City of Grimes *Field Closure Policy* which typically relates to field maintenance and applies during the club's off-season.

The goal of the club is to create a policy that is simple, straight-forward, and helps the City of Grimes protect the millions of taxpayer dollars that have gone into the Grimes Sports Complex. Weather –related decisions are judgment calls so we ask for your patience and understanding. It is not our intent to confuse or inconvenience our membership.

## Policy:

The **decision times** to close or re-open the soccer fields apply to both games and practices and will be made at the following times during the club's spring & fall season.

- ✓ Monday-Friday            2:00pm
- ✓ Saturday                    8:00am
- ✓ Sunday                      11:30am

Once a decision has been made at the **decision time** listed above, the fields will remain open or closed until updated again the following day at the designated **decision time**. For example if the fields are closed at 8am on Saturday morning they will remain closed until 11:30am Sunday morning. At 11:30am Sunday morning the decision will be made to continue to keep fields closed or to re-open them.

## Field Status – Notification Procedure:

The main source on field status will be on the home page of the club's website at <http://www.dcgsoccer.com/>. Field status is updated on a daily basis at the given **decision time** during the club's **in-season**. The club has also adopted *RainedOut* which is a text message and/or email alert system to communicate field status. Facebook and Twitter are additional networks where field status is posted. See the club's website for *RainedOut*, Twitter, and Facebook details.

## Field Monitoring:

The City of Grimes and the DC-G Soccer Club work together to monitor field conditions. Decisions on field status are based on existing field conditions, rain amount, current weather, weather forecasts, weather radar, and daily game/practice schedules.

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### **Fields:**

This policy applies to the DC-G Soccer Club's soccer fields and adjacent green space located at the Grimes Sports Complex at 750 S. James Street. This includes the 9-acre general use area and the lighted field at the southeast end of the complex closest to S. James Street. This policy also applies to the north practice complex located adjacent to Northridge Elementary School.

### **DC-G Soccer Club Season:**

The DC-G Soccer Club's soccer season, or **in-season**, includes the months of the year in which its members have regularly scheduled league games. **In-season** also typically includes 2-3 weeks of practice sessions prior to the first scheduled game. There are two **in-seasons** per year including spring, which typically lasts from the beginning of April to the beginning of June, and fall from the middle of August to the beginning of November. All other times of the year are considered **off-season**. Field Status is not updated during the off-season.