

The Sports Field Closure Policy has been put in place to protect the health and safety of users and the condition of sports fields.

Sports fields in The Town of East Gwillimbury will be considered unplayable if one of the following conditions exists:

1. Pooling of water on the surface of the sport field/diamond
2. Water sponging up around your feet when walking on the sport field/diamond
3. Weather conditions
4. Any health & safety issues

If one of these conditions occurs, the sport field/diamond will be considered unplayable, and the field will be closed. While the Town will use the above noted listed conditions to close fields, the Town continues to have exclusive rights to cancel any games booked due to any reason deemed acceptable by the Town.

If a group arrives at a field and one of these conditions exist or develops during a field booking, they are asked not to play on the sport field/diamond and to document the site conditions including date, time, location, weather, field conditions and pictures. A "Rain Out Notification" should be submitted via the Town's website or an email sent to [leisure1@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:leisure1@eastgwillimbury.ca) within 48 hours. Several factors must be considered, including the safety of the participants, the liability through accidents or injuries, and the expense of sport field/diamond repairs, maintenance and lost revenues.

If the rental permit holder ignores the unplayable conditions:

1. The permit holder will be required to pay for all damages to the sport field/diamond arising from abuse to the facility where they are deemed responsible,
2. The permit holder will be held liable and responsible for accidents, or injuries incurred because of unsafe conditions, and
3. The permit holder will have their permit suspended or revoked for any future use of sports fields/diamonds.

**To find out if a sports field/diamond is open, please call The Town of East Gwillimbury Field & Diamond Hotline at 905-478-3825** anytime after 2:30pm on weekdays and after 8:00am on weekends and holidays. The **Field Closures page on the Town's website**, [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/fieldclosures](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/fieldclosures) will be updated anytime after 2:30pm on weekdays. Please check throughout the day on weekends and holidays as weather changes and we will change the status. Under certain circumstances, The Town of East Gwillimbury has the exclusive right to deem a field open or closed regardless of field conditions.

When severe or threatening weather is imminent, please move to a safe location immediately.