



Tiverton Recreation Commission WET FIELD POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to guide the use of the Town of Tiverton's Athletic fields during periods when the fields are wet, in an effort to prevent damage to the playing surface, and thus, injuries and costly repairs. Playing on the fields when the turf is wet can cause soil compaction, root zone damage and turf destruction. To prevent unsafe conditions, unusable fields, and sustain predictable maintenance costs, the Tiverton Recreation Commission has established the following policy:

Leagues shall evaluate field conditions before and during practice and/or games, and cancel or postpone play if field conditions are such that due to the wetness of the field, use of the field will result in damage to the turf, or present a hazard to the players (such as lightening). It is the leagues decision whether they can play on a field or not, but if damage results from playing on a wet field, leagues will be charged for the repair of the damage that their members cause. Damage will be assessed by the Tiverton Recreation Commission subsequent to play with the responsible party being whoever was scheduled for the field according to the Recreation field schedule that is established at the beginning of the spring and fall seasons. Repair costs will include manpower above the normal maintenance allowance for that field. Repairs can include slice seeding, siding, or the closure of the field for however long it takes for the field to recover. In the case of field closure, the Tiverton Recreation Department is under no obligation to provide a substitute field, and the league will have to adjust its schedule accordingly.

The Tiverton Recreation Director, Tiverton DPW employees, or members of the Tiverton Recreation Commission shall have the right shut down a field due to inclement weather, and ask the team(s) to vacate the field if, in their estimation, weather conditions will result in a damaged field. Your leagues and/or organizations will be held responsible for improper field usage and repair should damages accrue.