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WET FIELD / RAIN-OUT PROCEDURE

IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID DAMAGE TO PLAYING FIELDS & BALL DIAMONDS AS WELL AS INJURY TO PLAYERS, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL APPLY:

The Town of New Tecumseth playing fields and ball diamonds will be considered unplayable/unusable if any of the following conditions exist:

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

If any of these conditions occur, the playing fields and ball diamonds will be considered “**unusable**” and the practice will be cancelled or game will be rescheduled. The Town, through the direction of the Manager of Recreation & Culture or the Manager of Parks & Facilities (or other designated person), shall have the exclusive rights to cancel any game booked due to wet field conditions. Every effort will be made to accommodate affected schedules at other diamonds/fields or time allotments. Please note if the service level changes, for example you play at a later scheduled time that requires lights you will be charged the additional fee for lights.

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 playing fields and ball diamonds. Several factors must be considered, including the safety of the participants, the possibility of liability through accidents or injury, and the unnecessary expense of playing field/ball diamond repairs and maintenance.

IF A GROUP IGNORES THE “UNUSABLE” CONDITIONS:

1. The permit holder will be required to pay for all damages to the playing field/ball 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.

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PLEASE MONITOR THE TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH TWITTER AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES ON FIELD/DIAMOND CLOSURES.