

To: Youth Athletic Groups  
From: Wheaton Park District  
Re: Athletic Field Use Guidelines  
Date: **November 8, 2011**

**All Athletic Soccer Fields and Athletic Turf Areas have been closed today!  
(Tuesday – November 8, 2011)**

Fall is upon us and we are all ready and anxious to begin play! We are all committed to provide high quality, safe playing surfaces for our multi-use athletic fields and areas, but we need the help and consideration of all user groups in protecting the fields and turf from excessive damage due to game and practice activities. The field and turf is the safety surface for the athletic fields. If any of the following conditions occur scheduled games and practices must be canceled or postponed.

1. Standing water on the field of play.
2. Soil Saturation:
  - a. Walking on turf / field causes water to surface
  - b. Walking on the turf / field causes indentations
  - c. One inch or more of rain 48 hours prior to scheduled game or practice accompanied by steady rain on game or practice day.
  - d. Steady downpour of rain on game or practice day which could cause damage to turf or injury to participants.
3. Audible thunder or visible lighting
4. Visibility (darkness)

All coaches and officials are responsible for insuring the safety of the athletic area playing conditions at all times during scheduled play. Safety implies protection of the resource, as well as the participants.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated. The Wheaton Park District Staff is committed to offer high quality, safe playing surfaces for our multi-use athletic facilities.

The recent inclement weather has played a major factor in allowing as well as preparing the athletic fields and turf areas for fall play!

**Thank you for your support and have an enjoyable fun season!**