

When it comes to the Argyle grass field, field maintenance and student safety are top priorities. To keep fields playable throughout the whole season and preserve them from extensive damage, we ask that **users not play on the fields when they are closed or following inclement weather.**

Closures are based on a review of field conditions by the District and City of North Vancouver's Parks employees, the Argyle Athletic Director and Administrator in charge of athletics. We use the following criteria to determine whether a field should be closed:

- Heavy rain warnings
- Standing water or large muddy areas on the playing surface
- Frost, ice, snow or frozen playing surface.

Coaches are responsible for evaluating field conditions before play and for reporting any hazards or safety issues to the Athletic Director.

Please use common sense when examining field conditions. A playable grass or all weather field will be:

- Relatively dry and free draining
- Firm and slightly springy
- Without puddles, muddy spots, ice, frost or snow.

Keep in mind that adults and older youth athletes weigh more than children and can cause considerably more damage to a soft field. When conditions are questionable, please air on the side of caution for player safety and maintaining good long term field conditions.

Field Use Guidelines

It is extremely important that all users PE / Athletic Teams do their due diligence to maintain the quality of the playing surface on the Argyle grass field to ensure the field can be safely used by all users.

- Please do not overuse the same areas of the field. Instead, please move the practice around the field.
- Please DO NOT do REPETITIVE EXERCISE / DRILLS on the main playing surface.
- If you notice an exercise or activity is impacting the field, please carefully replace the divots / repair the ground and move the exercise, drill, or activity to a new area of the field. Alternatively, stop the exercise or move to the gravel field.

Field Closures

- If the North Vancouver District closes their grass fields due to weather conditions, our grass field will also be closed. This may result in moving to the all-weather field, sharing the all-weather field, or cancelling the practice and postponing a game.
- If there is substantial rain or inclement weather, field conditions will be checked by the Athletic Director or an Administrator. If they believe field use will be jeopardize student safety or long term field conditions, the field will be closed. This may result in moving to the all-weather field, sharing the all-weather field, or cancelling the practice and postponing a game.
- If it is raining, or has rained, and the grass field has remains open, please ensure extra care is taken to ensure the practice / activity does not damage the field. If possible, please choose to use the all-weather field instead of the grass field.
- Grass field closures will be communicated via email as soon as possible.

Failure to recognize the need to stay off the field and proceeding with a practice / game and causing damage to the field will result in suspension of field use for you team.