

City of Hartford Field Closure Policy

Each night that games or practices are scheduled, the Recreation Director and Public Works Superintendent will inspect City fields and determine whether they are playable based off infield and outfield conditions primarily focused on, but not limited to wetness. The City reserves the right to close fields at any time.

In addition, the Recreation Director will check the weather forecast for impending weather conditions that could affect games and practices scheduled that evening.

When possible, the City of Hartford will decide as to whether fields will be closed due to conditions or predicted weather by 4pm. Please keep in mind that weather is unpredictable and that we will do our best to make decisions in a timely manner to keep all our residents safe.

Coaches are advised that if games and practices are not called off by 5pm that safety and judgement of field conditions is at their discretion. If there is lightening within 10 miles games shall be halted and there will be a mandatory 30-minute game delay. All players and fans shall take cover in their vehicles until weather permits restarting the games or until the games are cancelled.

The City of Hartford would like to remind all parents/guardians that they can exercise discretion to determine if the weather is unsafe for their child to play.

Games may be cancelled by field/location based off field conditions so not necessarily all fields will be closed at the same time.

The City will post the status fields on our Sports & Rec Facebook (@HartfordSDRec), Twitter (@HartfordSDRec), and Instagram ([hartfordsd.rec](https://www.instagram.com/hartfordsd.rec)). Please follow us!

Coaches can provide their contact information to Recreation Director Nate Velander (nate.velander@hartfordsd.us) to receive email updates on field conditions.