



Playing Surface Inspection and Playability Determination

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The Bow Valley Rugby Club (BVRC) works very closely with the Town of Cochrane's Parks and Open Spaces Department to ensure our available playing surfaces are safe and remain in the best condition possible. In the event of very wet, cold (freezing) or dry weather conditions, the following procedure is to be used to determine the safety and playability of a field. The BVRC Hazard Assessment form needs to be used to document the inspection and determination. Prior to training or match day/time;

1. Call the Town of Cochrane's Rain Out Line at 403-851-2552 to check the field status.
2. Confirm the day's weather conditions, the previous 48-hour conditions as well as the projected forecast noting temperatures and precipitation amounts, or lack thereof.
3. If the Town has closed the pitch, and a match needs to be played, the BVRC will perform a visual inspection. This will be done with a minimum of two Club members. The entire playing surface will be walked, looking for;
 - a. Very hard and compact grass/soil (visible cracking),
 - b. Frozen ground,
 - c. Standing water (saturated sub-grade), or
 - d. Any conditions that make the playing surface unsafe for rugby.
4. If any of the above conditions are noted, the match should be cancelled and rescheduled as per Policy Document 001.18
5. In situations where the Town of Cochrane has closed the fields, and we have received less than 15mm of precipitation over the previous 48 hours, the Club may accept responsibility for the facility and hold the match as long as none of the conditions as outlined above are present during the field inspection. This will be done by;
 - i. Completing the BVRC Hazard Assessment noting the existing conditions,
 - ii. Notifying the BVRC President of the conditions and assessment result, and
 - iii. Notifying the Town of Cochrane's Parks and Open Spaces at 403-851-4734.