

Field Status Guide

PCBS has more than 40 fields available to play on during the Spring/Summer season. This resource affords us the opportunity to provide a wide range of options for the players of this community. In order to best care for this resource, we put together this short guide to help coaches determine whether to hold practices or games in the event of inclement weather.

- The Palatine Park District is always the first place to check. Here is a link to their field status...**

<https://www.palatineparks.org/current-weather-field-conditions/>

If the PPD has the fields listed as **CLOSED**, then we **MAY NOT** hold games or practices.

PPD may list the fields as **COACH DECISION**. This will require the coach to inspect the field for playability.

If PPD has listed the fields as **IT'S A GO**, then you are clear to play.

- If the fields are listed as **COACH DECISION**, the PPD has allowed us some latitude in determining the playability of fields. Here are the things you should consider when deciding whether to hold practice...**

- Is there standing water on the field?**

If there is, then you **MAY NOT** hold practice or games.

- Will the conditions allow for the players and parents to have fun?**

We are in the business of developing a love for the game and a spirit of community. This cannot be done when everyone is miserable.

- Will the sloppiness of the field prove to be a safety hazard?**

Safety is a primary concern. There is always the risk of injury, but if the conditions magnify these risks, then it is better to postpone.

- Will Field Dry be required to play?**

Field Dry should only be used for games. Aside from Tournaments or Playoffs, we should **never use more than three bags on a field**.

If you are playing on fields other than GBUR, Birchwood, or Community, the PPD will likely determine whether Field Dry should be used.

Coaches may contact their Commissioners if they think using Field Dry may render their field playable.

If you have questions or concerns about a field, its playability, or safety, then please contact your commissioner of your league.