

TOWN OF RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION

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BALLFIELD GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are designed to help keep the Red Hook Recreation Park ball fields safe for quality play.

When the *Field Closed* sign is posted, the field may not be used for practices or games.

1. Do **not** remove field closed signs without the approval of the Recreation Director or Maintenance Staff.
Call John Kuhn, 845-399-3585, Jeff Tremper, 845-309-0264, or Charlie Nugent, 845-264-2310
2. Do **not** play on a field with standing water.
3. Do **not** remove standing water or puddles from a field.
4. Do **not** remove wet dirt from the mound, home plate or baselines.
5. Do **not** throw batting practice in front of the mound on the grass.
6. Do **not** use the fence for pepper or to throw against.
7. Do **not** use brooms or squeegees or any other implement to remove water from the infield.

The Red Hook Town Board has directed the Recreation Commission to stop play on ball fields when conditions make the fields unsafe for players to avoid injuries and to reduce the town's liability.

Note: If it's too wet to play, DON'T! Using the ball field when it's too wet ruins the grade of the infield, makes holes, creates compacted soil in the turf areas, and most importantly creates unsafe playing conditions.

Note: Never remove standing water or puddles after a rain. This will only worsen the problem the next rain. NEVER, push infield material into the grass. This will kill and choke off the grass and create a "lip" in the grass.

Please remember that failure to properly take care of this field can result in the loss of this field for future use by your team and your league. Help us keep this facility in good shape for all users.

The Recreation Park staff grooms all fields every day. If fields cannot be lined and played on without other work, DO NOT PLAY!

If the *Field Closed* sign is not up, the field may still be unplayable!

POST GAME MAINTENANCE:

1. Rake and level home plate area; fill holes.
2. Rake and level pitchers mound and landing area.
3. Rake and level around bases if needed.
4. Clean dugout areas; throw all trash and litter into trash cans.
5. Pick up all trash around stands and fence lines and batting cages.
6. Turn off lights on the Middle Field after the last game played. Be sure to lock the Snack Bar Storage Room door!

If you have questions, please call the Park Director at 845-399-3585.