

Field Playability Guidelines

Field playability has always been a subjective issue and everyone seems to have a different opinion on the matter. WSLA will always defer to the field maintenance authority for when a field is unsafe/unplayable due to inclement weather or other conditions. To ensure consistency in determining whether or not a field is fit for play, the following criteria can be used. The dimensions of the field should conform with the specifications established by US Lacrosse, which vary based on level of play. The entire playing field should be free of any holes, depressions, raised sprinkler heads and other hazards. Clear the field of stones, pieces of glass and other objects or debris.

Under any circumstances, the safety of the participants is paramount. Strong consideration must also be given to the potential damage to the turf and the length of time required for the field to recover.

When determining field playability during inclement weather, the following guidelines should be followed and if any of the conditions are present, the field should be closed:

- Large areas of standing water on any part of the playing field.
- Your feet are suctioned to the ground as you walk within the majority of a single playing area.
- Your foot prints are filling with water in the majority of a single playing area.
- The depth of your foot print is greater than 2 inches in the majority of a single playing area
- Grass can be dislodged from the field easily by play.