

Johnston Soccer Club ~ Field Use Guidelines

With the increasing popularity of soccer and the growing number of players in the Johnston Soccer Club, the club is taking steps to insure the fields are in the best shape possible. Within the past few years we have made significant steps in improving the playing conditions. The next step in this process was to have better control over when, where, and how our fields are being used. Due to this increased use and damage caused by last years flooding, the club has implemented procedures and some restrictions for teams who wish to practice at the club's complex. Please take time and read through the guidelines so that this process goes as smoothly as possible. As volunteer coaches we appreciate all of your time and effort and want to make things as easy as possible for you while providing the best possible soccer experience for the players.

PRACTICES

- Teams are strongly encouraged to find an alternative practice site. A list of parks and open spaces is provided.
- If you chose to practice at the JSC fields, all practices will need to be scheduled with the Director of Fields.
- Each team will be allowed **one practice per week** at the JSC fields with the fields being closed on Thursdays.
- In order to reserve a field for practice, you must **email** the Director of Fields at fields@johnstonsoccer.org with the following information
 - ✗ The day of the week you wish to practice
 - ✗ The time you will start and end your practice
 - ✗ The age division of the team
 - ✗ The coach's name, email, and phone number you can best be reached at.
- These requests will be filled on a first come basis, and you will be notified of your assigned field and confirmation of your day and time for practice.
- Please keep in mind that scheduled and re-scheduled games will take priority, so you may be asked to move your practice to another section of the JSC fields.

GAME RE-SCHEDULING

If you need to re-schedule a game, please follow the guidelines below.

- Email the Director of Fields at fields@johnstonsoccer.org as well as the Director of Referees at referees@johnstonsoccer.org a minimum of four days prior to the original game date/time and provide the following information
 - ✗ Your team number
 - ✗ The original date, time, and field number of the cancelled game
 - ✗ The first and second choices of your new dates
- You will be emailed back with a confirmation of your new field assignment
- The JSC provides a web service, www.arbitersports.com, to assist you in contacting your assigned referees if a game is suddenly cancelled and re-scheduling has not been worked out.

Please allow a minimum of **4 days** from the time you notify the Director of Fields to the day you would like to re-schedule to. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice in dates.

Once your game is re-scheduled, the Director of Referees will assign a referee if the original referee is unavailable.

ADDITIONAL USAGE GUIDELINES

- At no time are players to warm up in the goal mouths of the permanent goals on the South side fields.
- Please help the Club keep the fields in good shape by staying away from any areas that are showing signs of wear, are muddy, or have standing water.
- If you notice any problems with the field conditions, goals, nets, or irrigation system, please report it to the Director of Fields via email.
- Please check the JSC website for any weather related changes to the schedule.