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FIELD MAINTENANCE REMINDER TO COACHES/USERS

Coaches/Users,

The purpose of this letter is to ensure all coaches and users are aware of the best practices when it comes to maintenance to any fields beyond our working hours by your teams/users. Our goal is to ensure safe, well-maintained playing surfaces for all our user groups. Our dedicated team goes above and beyond to ensure the Town of Westwood fields are in the best condition they can be.

As we all know, weather complicates playability more than we would like. First and foremost, if fields are deemed closed and the Recreation Department posts those closures, please ensure they remain closed with no activities. In the event that weather allows for fields to remain open, please always use your best judgment when it comes to field usage, keeping in mind the resulting damage that may occur. Our team works hard for you and we hope that you in turn respect their efforts, especially when the wrong field maintenance practices are utilized in order to get a game or practice in. In the end it takes away from the busy schedule we already have maintaining all the fields in town.

In an effort to minimize any damage during weather impacted playing surfaces, the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, offer this helpful reminder to eliminate the damaging maintenance techniques that have been used recently to remove water/puddles from infield skins.

-DO NOT RAKE/SWEEP/MOVE ANY PUDDLES FROM THE INFIELD CLAY ONTO ANY GRASS SURFACE

-TURF IS NOT SUPPLIED TO ANY USER GROUPS BY THE TOWN. IF TURF IS USED TO DRY PUDDLES, KEEP MATERIAL ON INFIELD CLAY

-RAKE ANY BASEPATHS IN THE SAME DIRECTION RUNNERS RUN – DO NOT RAKE THEM FROM SIDE TO SIDE WHERE CLAY WILL GO ONTO GRASS SURFACE

-TO PRESERVE THE TURF, PLEASE USE TEMPORARY MOUNDS OR REMAIN ON THE CLAY SURFACE WHILE THROWING BATTING PRACTICE (BP)

Failure to follow these recommended maintenance practices will result in grooming delays for your user groups until we are able to make the repairs to the damaged areas. Please help us in maintaining the field properly to ensure safe play for all. Thank you for your help in keeping these maintenance practices in mind during the season.

Sincerely,

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