

Burke Athletic Club - Inclement Weather Policy and Field Closure Procedures

BAC obtains field usage by partnering with both the county and school systems. It is the responsibility of the club (administrators, coaches, players and parents) to observe policies which will limit damage to the fields. Fields are most frequently damaged when they are subjected to use during wet conditions. We can minimize damage by observing the following policies:

Coaches who play or practice on closed fields could cause BAC to pay for the cost of repairing the fields or lose the use of those fields and will be held personally responsible for damage to the field and for monetary fines imposed by third parties.

- I. During the week, **Monday – Friday**, call the **Fairfax County Field Closure Hotline: 703-324-5264** or check the website <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fieldstatus.asp>. The hotline is updated at 3 p.m. each day. You may also check the BAC website after 3:00 pm: www.burkeathleticclub.org

Upon checking the Fairfax County website, refer to the chart below to determine if fields are open:

If the Fairfax, Co. Hotline indicates:	Then:
South Run #4 and Rolling Valley 3 CLOSED	All grass fields are CLOSED
South Run #4 and Rolling Valley 3 are OPEN	All grass fields are OPEN
Only South Run #4 is CLOSED	Fairview, Sangster, South Run #4 & #8 and Burke School are CLOSED
Only Rolling Valley #3 is CLOSED	Rolling Valley, Cherry Run and White Oaks are CLOSED

*Please note that **All BAC fields are closed** if the following conditions exist (regardless of the hotline message):

- i. dangerous conditions (lightening, severe storm warnings)
- ii. standing water on fields (may stay away from standing water in goal area if that is the only area where standing water exists)
- iii. saturated fields
- iv. large areas of soft mud
- v. other conditions that make the field unsafe for play

- II. On Saturdays and Sundays, check the BAC website www.burkeathleticclub.org
 - a. Each field is closed if the following conditions exist regardless of website message:
 - i. dangerous conditions (lightening, severe storm warnings)
 - ii. standing water on fields (may stay away from standing water in goal area if that is the only area where standing water exists)
 - iii. saturated fields
 - iv. large areas of soft mud
 - v. other conditions that make the field unsafe for play
 - b. *Remember, the fields may be closed on a sunny day if a substantial rainfall has preceded the day in question*