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New Albany Parks & Recreation (NAPR) Field Closure Communication Plan - COMMUNITY

There are two reasons why the fields would be closed on a particular day. The first is the safety of the participants, officials, spectators and JPD staff members when inclement weather is in the area. The second is for the longevity of the fields throughout the season due to the frequency of use.

In the event a field or fields need to be closed, the following protocol will apply:

- The Park's Supervisor will assess the field conditions and notify the office of the closure.
- The Sports Coordinator will notify the public of the closure through the NAPR web site www.naparks.org RSS feed, the New Albany Parks & Recreation - Facebook / NAParksandRec Twitter group pages and email.
- Field closure notification times:

Weekday

Middle School lacrosse, field hockey and NAHS sports will be notified of a closure by 1:00pm (2:00pm for youth lacrosse) due to their opponents having to travel from another municipality. Once the game or practice is canceled – the decision will stand for the day if the weather/field conditions change.

Soccer, baseball, softball and football will be notified of a closure by 4:00pm because they are leagues where their participant base is mainly comprised of New Albany residents.

Weekend

All weekend field closure notifications will be initially posted by 7:30am due to the early weekend morning start times with additional updates occurring through the day if needed.