

POLICY STATEMENT AND REGULATIONS

Number: 500.3

Playing Field Maintenance

The District of Summerland and the user groups take responsibility for the maintenance and care of the playing fields.

1. The District of Summerland is responsible for:
 - a) watering, fertilizing and cutting the grass;
 - b) line painting on the grass;
 - c) maintaining the irrigation system;
 - d) maintenance and routine cleaning of the washrooms, with the exception of tournaments when user groups are required to keep them clean (District support for tournaments will be provided if resources are available);
 - e) maintenance of backstop fences and bleachers;
 - f) levelling and dragging the surface and the removal of stones larger than 1/2 inch (13 millimetres) in diameter, at minimum once per week during the playing season;
 - g) maintenance of bases, pitching rubbers and home plate at Dale Meadows Sports Complex;
 - h) maintenance of the trees;
 - i) assessment of the fields to determine whether usage will cause damage to the turf or playing surface and whether the field should subsequently be closed (IE rainouts). Should closure be required, the District will notify the impacted user group(s).

2. The user groups are responsible for:

Ball Diamonds/Fields:

 - a) levelling and dragging the surface of the infield and removal of any stones that surface (only by designated user group representatives who have been authorized by District staff);
 - b) removal of surface rocks and refuse from the remainder of the field;
 - c) marking the base lines on the infield;
 - d) maintenance of bases, pitching rubbers and home plate at Living Memorial Park.
 - e) building and maintaining pitching mounds at Living Memorial Park (District staff will assist with removal of mounds for Action Festival tournament)

Soccer Fields:

 - f) placement of corner flags, portable nets and other gear required during bookings and removal and storage after the booking time;
 - g) minor net repairs on weekends;

All Fields:

 - h) ensuring all refuse generated by the booking, including litter and/or broken glass in all areas including parking areas and fields, is placed in the available receptacles,

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- especially during tournaments and play-off's;
- i) submitting budget requests to the District of Summerland prior to July 31st of each year for consideration in the following year's budget;
- j) reporting to the District of Summerland concerns regarding areas of the playing fields that need repairing or have the potential for injuring someone;
- k) ensuring that no damage to the turf or playing surface occurs due to the combination of excessive moisture and player usage;
- l) ensuring no users dig holes in the fields or use squeegees to push water from the infield on to the outfield;
- m) organizing portable toilets if required (confirm with District staff);
- n) adhering to District of Summerland Bylaws, Policies and Terms & Conditions for field bookings.

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