



RECREATION & FACILITIES SERVICES

OUTDOOR FACILITY USE AGREEMENT (Baseball / Soccer Field)

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Recreation and Facilities Services Operations Superintendent, or a designee thereof, has the right to cancel any activity or event on a Township recreational facility, at any time, to ensure the safety of the participants and to prevent Township fields from getting abused and destroyed, when the turf is vulnerable.

All users of recreational facilities are **REQUIRED** to cancel an activity or event when potentially hazardous weather/field conditions exist. In addition to the use of common sense, if any one of the following conditions exists, immediate cancellation is mandatory:

- a) Downpours, heavy rains, ongoing showers, snow, sleet, hail etc.
- b) Standing puddles of water on a field.
- c) Footing is unsure and slippery.
- d) Ground is waterlogged and slushy or squishy.
- e) Grass can be pulled out of the ground easily.
- f) Lightning: with a minimum of 30 minutes with no reoccurrence before re-entering the field.

The safety and well being of persons participating in athletic programs is of primary concern. Sports related injuries caused by poor playing conditions can lead to career ending injuries and permanent disabilities. Additionally, when games are played on fields with poor conditions, it often causes irreversible damage to the fields. Surface damage is obvious and visible, but as of equal concern from maintenance perspective, is the sub-surface damage.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED** at any outdoor facility that has been issued a permit by the Municipality, unless authorized by the Council of the Township of Woolwich and under the authority of a Special Occasion Permit issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, (formerly the LLBO). Any individual/ user group found in violation of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, Ontario Criminal Code and / or the Municipal Alcohol Policy, will result in the permit, and all privileges for the "Permit Holder" and user group for the use of the named facility, being revoked as per the Municipal Alcohol Policy Section 3: Enforcement Procedures. Failure to comply will result in a facility suspension and potential loss of field privileges. The Township of Woolwich has a Zero Tolerance policy.
2. It is recommended that all users wear full CSA approved equipment.
3. The "Permit Holder" is solely responsible for supervising all individuals at the facility and adjoining property during the event. The Township of Woolwich is not responsible for providing this supervision. However, the Township , Recreation Association Member, or Game Umpire/Referee, may evict individuals from the facility during the event, if their conduct is not in the best interest of the public, or is deemed to be detrimental in any way i.e.: aggression, threats, violence, racial slurs, profanity, disorderly,etc. The "Permit Holder" will be held responsible for the conduct of all persons associated with the permit use and for any damage which occurs to the facility due to the user group's misconduct or negligence; and will be responsible for payment of all/any repairs.

4. The "Permit Holder" shall be responsible for leaving the facility and adjacent grounds, clean and free of litter, at the end of the rental. All refuse and recycling generated by the activity, or is in any way connected with their use of the facility, shall be picked up, bagged and disposed of in the proper provided containers. "Permit Holders" shall also leave all fixtures in good working condition. The Township of Woolwich will provide garbage cans and garbage bags.

5. The recreation Association or Township of Woolwich will not be responsible for personal injury, damage, loss or theft of personal property, of anyone attending on the invitation of the "Permit Holder".

6. Towers and light standards on Township property are not to be used to fly any banners, erect a tent or support, or have any form of article attached to them in any manner.

7. Only balls that are labeled "FLIGHT RESTRICTED" are permitted for play in the Breslau Lower Ball Diamond.

8. In compliance with Slo-Pitch National's policy to restrict the use of new technology altered/illegal "loaded" bats commencing January 1st, 2012, only USSSA bats marked with the "NEW" USSSA stamp on the taper of the bat, ASA or ISF approved bat lists will be permitted for use. See <http://slo-pitch.com/content/new-2012-spn-bat-policy>

Terms 7 and 8 will be strictly enforced by game Umpires to ensure compliance. Failure to comply may result in the immediate cancellation of a team's current use and possible further permits.

9. Cars may be parked only in the designated parking areas provided and not on the lawns.

10. All pre game warm-ups must take place within the fenced ball field designated location. The use of bats outside of the fenced ball field designated location is strictly prohibited.

FIELD PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE:

For issues, concerns or emergencies please contact: **519-669-1647 x 7001**