

## RAIN POLICY

The information below summarizes the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's **Rain Policy**. Please adhere to the rules governing this policy.

- Please always use your **best discretion** regarding wet field conditions. A decision may be made by Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to cancel the use of outdoor sports fields due to inclement weather, Monday to Friday. Where possible the decision will be made by 2:00 p.m. that day. You may be contacted if field cancellations are required due to inclement weather. **Parks staff may not always be available on site after 3:30 pm Monday to Friday, on weekends or on statutory holidays - you must then use your own discretion.**
- Wet field conditions include the following: ponding of water on the turf, fields with rain puddles, large areas of mud on the turf. Common sense should prevail.
- There will be **NO REFUNDS** for cancelled permit time due to inclement weather.
- Fields that are played on when wet, due to poor weather conditions cause serious damage to the playing surface. In many cases, the damage caused is irreparable for the remainder of the season. League convenors and team officials are to cancel play under wet field conditions and **are responsible for contacting team members.**
- Permit groups using fields during inclement weather or under extremely wet conditions, risk having their permits cancelled immediately.
- Please remember that it is your league's responsibility to make scheduling allowances for Rain outs and play-off games within the permit times granted to you for the season.

**Failure to adhere to this policy may include the possibility of your permit being revoked, as well as your league will be held responsible for any/all costs that may be incurred by this department, to repair any damage caused to the facility.**

## SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is prohibited at and within 9 metres of:

- sports fields
- skateboard or BMX Parks
- ski and snowboard hills
- outdoor swimming pools or decks
- covered picnic shelters or gazebos
- Outdoor theatre spaces
- playgrounds
- splash pads
- Public washrooms
  
- and at:
- swimming beaches
- park zoos and farms
- waiting areas or service lines in parks (e.g., Toronto Island Ferry Docks waiting area)

What is the definition of playgrounds under the bylaw?

**Smoking is against the law at and within a 9 metre radius of City of Toronto play areas.** This includes the surrounding edge of any playground safety surface or playground equipment.

Why ban smoking in sports fields and park areas?

- There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, even outdoors
- Children and adults exposed to second-hand smoke are more likely to develop asthma, ear infections, bronchitis, emphysema, heart disease and cancer
- Seeing people smoke in public places encourages others to smoke, especially children and youth

How is the bylaw enforced?

Municipal Licensing and Standards officers can issue a ticket and a fine for not following the bylaw. Officers will also respond to complaints made by the public or by Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff.

How do I make a complaint?

Call Municipal Licensing and Standards at: 416-392-0873 or email [mlsparks@toronto.ca](mailto:mlsparks@toronto.ca)

What about cigarette butt litter?

Butts are litter and they're toxic! There are litter laws in Toronto and charges and fines can be laid if you break them. Find out more about butt litter, litter laws and where you can dispose of cigarette butts safely.

## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

The Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division has a 'zero tolerance' policy with respect to the use of alcohol by permit users and or their participants.

The sale or consumption of alcohol within any facilities requires authorization from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry & Recreation and a Special Occasion Permit issued by the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario. Detailed information can be found in the City of Toronto Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Any 'confirmed' use of alcohol in city facilities will result in the immediate cancellation of the permit(s) in question. Individuals or groups who contravene the policy in this manner will receive confirmation of their permit cancellation from the Customer Service staff responsible for the administration of their permit.