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Sometimes bad weather will cause us to cancel our practices and games during the season. Here's what you need to know:

#### Practices at our UP Town Field

The Town of University Park is pretty strict on the use of our practice field if it is raining or if the fields are in bad condition due to recent rain. Keep in mind the field closure signs that are on each end of the field in case we get any inclement weather. If the signs say "closed", please do not practice on the field.

Sometimes the signs say "open" if it is actively raining. That's probably because the Town wasn't able to switch the signs before the end of the day. If it is actively raining, the Town has asked us to not use the fields. The fields are our biggest asset – so let's keep them in good condition for everyone!

However, if it is not raining, and the fields look like they are in good shape, but they still say closed, please contact the University Park Public Works officials ([301-927-4262](tel:301-927-4262) Office, [240-691-9643](tel:240-691-9643) Cell), and they can re-assess the field and adjust the sign (just catch them earlier in the day since they tend to go home early...) Sometimes they forget to re-open the fields even if they are in good shape, but if they say closed, don't use them.

Also, the Town has a hotline you can call to get the current field closure status: [240-297-8277](tel:240-297-8277). We personally will not know if the fields are open or closed, so please drive by the fields yourself or call the Town hotline ahead of your practice. Also, please email the other coaches who practice on your day if you know the field status.

#### Games at Magruder and Melrose Park

If it was raining or if it was recently raining during our game day on Saturday, please check the Hyattsville Weather Hotline at [301-985-5003](tel:301-985-5003). You'll get a recorded message regarding the status of our games. It's usually updated by 7:30am. Also note that just because it is raining, that doesn't necessarily mean that the games are cancelled. It will depend more on the field conditions. Sometimes we are able to play when it is raining because the field conditions are still good - just be sure to bring a raincoat!

#### Alternate Practice Locations

If our own UP Town Fields are closed for bad conditions, there might be other practice fields in our area that you can use. Usually the Calvert Park field or the Lane Manor Recreational Park are a little more lenient and their fields hold up a little bit better so they might still be open. You are not required to do so, but if you really want to, you can temporarily move your practice to either of those two parks if our own UP Town Field is closed.

Calvert Park and Lane Manor are part of the M-NCPPC system and they have their own weather hotline that you can check ahead of time just to be sure: [301-927-0822](tel:301-927-0822).

Hope for good weather this season!

- Tracy and Joe