

AFTER THE RAIN

With the fields being fully scheduled, it is important that we try to play as many scheduled games as possible. After it rains, don't assume the field is unplayable. Please go to the field and check it out. Here simple procedures:

1. If there are puddles on the field, do not sweep them onto the grass. The clay will kill the grass and help to create lips.
2. Use the hand pumps from the shed to remove the water.
3. Once the water is gone, rake the mud out of the area and spread it on a dry area.
4. Add some drying agent and once dry, rake the clay back in. The drying agent should be spread in a thin layer and then rake in, not piled on top.
5. If the whole infield is moist, you can nail drag the field, let it dry, then mat drag it. If the infield is too wet, don't attempt this. The tractor will get stuck and make things worse.
6. If you get to the field and think you can get the field in playing conditions within 30 minutes of your games scheduled start time, that's ok.
7. Remember; use common sense when assessing the field. One drop of water is enough for some to cancel the game and a lake is not enough for others. Never play a game or practice when the risk of injury to the players is unacceptable.
8. If you have the first game on the day and the sun is out but the field is wet, and you go to the field and pump the puddles off the field early enough in the day, it will make your life a lot easier at game time.
9. If we all rake in the holes after every game, there will be less puddles to deal with and will make everybody's life easier!