

OYAA Rec Soccer & MSSA Field Closure Notification Guidelines

The Olentangy Youth Athletic Association partners with Liberty Township, the City of Powell, Orange Township and the Olentangy Local School District to provide fields for the soccer programs. OYAA agrees to manage these game fields so they remain in good condition for all league games. The Director of Soccer works closely with the staff at those community parks and school locations to monitor the playing surface conditions. It is our #1 priority to see games are played as scheduled.

If weather conditions are poor we will use the following guidelines to assess the field conditions, and notify all OYAA Soccer program participants: team coaches, families, and referees.

Field Assessment

1. OYAA and the park/school maintenance staff work together to assess the field conditions.
2. The parks/schools will have final decision on field status.
3. Field status will be announced no later than 4:00 PM. This is 2 hours before game time
4. No news = good news, fields are open.

Field Closure Notification

1. Weekdays: If fields are closed, OYAA will
 - a. Post a Field Status message on www.OYAA.org by 4:00 PM
 - b. Communicate with Director of Soccer so all soccer program coordinators are notified immediately
2. Weekend: If fields are closed, OYAA will
 - a. Post a Field Status message on www.OYAA.org by 7:30 AM (first game time is 8:30 AM)
 - b. Communicate with the Director of Soccer so all soccer program coordinators are notified immediately

SPECIAL Note to OYAA Recreational Soccer Families: IF time allows we may send an email message as well. However, the process of sending more than 5,000 emails takes time and may not reach all participants in a timely fashion. Therefore, the best place to check for field status updates is www.OYAA.org

OYAA Rec Soccer -- Who MUST know that fields are closed . . .

1. **Team Members** – OYAA rec soccer team coaches MUST contact the families on their team. Coaches can use the OYAA Online Registration system to send an email to families. Log-In information is emailed to each coach before the start of the season. If you do not have your ID and password, please email Kash@oyaa.org.
2. **Opponent** – OYAA rec soccer teams are not required to contact opponents
3. **Referees** – OYAA will notify the Rec Soccer referees via email using the Arbiter referee scheduling system

MSSA Soccer – Who MUST know that fields are closed . . .

1. **Team Members** – team coaches MUST contact the families on their team. Coaches can use the OYAA Online Registration system to send an email to families. Log-In information is emailed to each coach before the start of the season. If you do not have your ID and password, please email Kash@oyaa.org.
2. **Opponent** – MSSA team coaches must notify their opponents
3. **Referees** – the MSSA coordinator must notify the referees assigned to the game(s)

Game Field Locations for Spring 2011

- U5 Games: Powell Adventure Park and Freedom Trail Elementary School
- U6 Games: Alum Creek Elementary School and Havener Park
- U7, U8, U9 and U10 Games: North Orange Park, Liberty Park and Havener Park
- U11, U12 Games: Arrowhead Elementary School, Wyandot Run Elementary School and Liberty Park
- U13-U18 and MSSA Games: Liberty Park, Wyandot Run Elementary School and North Orange Park

Classics FC and Classics Eagles Game & Training Field Closure Notification Guidelines

Classics Premier and Classics Eagles do not own the game or practice fields. Instead, CFC and CEFC use the game fields maintained by OYAA, WASA and other community partners (i.e. churches). As such, CFC and CEFC strive to keep open lines of communication with all the organizations regarding field conditions and closure status.

When game and training field status is questionable, CFC and CEFC will

1. Communicate with organizations throughout the day
2. Make decision (based on what we know) regarding Field Closure Status **no later than 3:30 PM**
3. Communicate with team coaches and administrators when a final decision is made.
4. Communicate using one or more of the following methods,
 - a. Classics FC Website – www.classicsfc.com/Fields.htm
 - b. Classics Eagles Website – www.classicseagles.com
 - c. Email to Team Coaches
 - d. Email to Team Admins
 - e. One Call Message to Coaches – by club administrator
 - f. One Call Message to Team Admins – by club administrator
5. Assume No News = Good News and fields are open

Who needs to know IF the fields are closed.....

- **Team Members** – team coach and/or team administrator **MUST** contact the families on their team. Each team should have a defined and preferred mode of communication agreed to by the team members.
- **Opponent** – team coach and/or team administrator **MUST** contact opponent and provide field status update
- **Referees** – team coach and/or admin **MUST** notify the referee that the fields are closed and game cancelled
 - CFC Competitive games – OYAA will notify the referees via email using the referee scheduling system
 - CFC Premier games – Team Admin must call **AND** email the referees assigned to their game by MOSSL
 - CEFC games - Team Admin must call **AND** email the referees assigned to their game by MOSSL