

Burke Athletic Club - Inclement Weather Policy and Field Closure Procedures

BAC obtains field usage by partnering with both the county and school systems. It is the responsibility of the club (administrators, coaches, players and parents) to observe policies which will limit damage to the fields. Fields are most frequently damaged when they are subjected to use during wet conditions. We can minimize damage by observing the following policies:

Coaches who play or practice on closed fields could cause BAC to pay for the cost of repairing the fields or lose the use of those fields and will be held personally responsible for damage to the field and for monetary fines imposed by third parties.

- I. During the week, **Monday – Friday**, call the **Fairfax County Field Closure Hotline: 703-324-5264** or check the website <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fieldstatus.asp>. The hotline is updated at 3 p.m. each day.

All BAC fields are closed if:

- a. the county hotline message reads “all county fields closed” or if **South Run #4** field OR **Rolling Valley #3** field is closed.
- b. the following conditions exist (regardless of hotline message):
 - i. dangerous conditions (lightening, severe storm warnings)
 - ii. standing water on fields (may stay away from standing water in goal area if that is the only area where standing water exists)
 - iii. saturated fields
 - iv. large areas of soft mud
 - v. other conditions that make the field unsafe for play
- c. *Remember, fields may be closed on a sunny day if a substantial rainfall proceeds the day in question.*

All BAC fields are open if:

- a. the county hotline message reads “all fields are open” or South Run fields or Rolling Valley fields are not mentioned as being closed.

- II. During the weekend, **Saturday and Sunday**, call the **BAC hotline: 1-866-855-4BAC (1-866-855-4222)** The hotline is updated by 0700 on Saturday, 0800 on Sunday*.

**Please note, a specific field may be updated a second time by 1100.*

BAC fields will be updated individually. Please choose field by number selection (see list at end of this document) and follow hotline message:

Each field is closed if:

- a. the hotline message reads: “named field is closed” **OR**
- b. if the following conditions exist regardless of hotline message:
 - i. dangerous conditions (lightening, severe storm warnings)
 - ii. standing water on fields (may stay away from standing water in goal area if that is the only area where standing water exists)
 - iii. saturated fields
 - iv. large areas of soft mud
 - v. other conditions that make the field unsafe for play
- c. *Remember, the fields may be closed on a sunny day if a substantial rainfall has preceded the day in question*

Each field is open if:

- a. the message for each field reads “named field is open”
- b. the message has not been updated on the day in question to read “closed” and the conditions of the field do not warrant closure as per above in Section b conditions.

Field	Extension
Burke School	701
Cherry Run	702
Fairview	703
Sangster	704
Terra Centre	705
White Oaks	706
South Run 4	707
South Run 6	708
South Run 8	709
Rolling Valley #3	710
Patriot Park	711
Lake Braddock Park	712