

Who oversees Field openings and operational management in Pemberton?

Village of Pemberton (VOP) Operations Department oversees maintenance of Den Duyf Park fields and the VOP Recreation Department manages the use through advance bookings.

Why are sports fields closed?

As winter conditions fade, and longer days of spring are upon us, it's tempting to get out on the fields and enjoy the weather. However, heavy traffic on grassed surfaces can cause a lot of post-winter damage. Soils need to drain, and the grass needs time to build up strength and thickness.

Using fields that are under maintenance may result in:

- Abnormal damage to the field surface
- Jeopardize further scheduled use of fields
- Compromise personal safety of league players and the general public

Field's may also be closed during the operating season due to:

- Heavy rain warnings
- Standing water or large muddy areas on the playing surface
- Frost, ice, snow, or frozen playing surface.

What is a maintenance closure and how long does it last?

A maintenance field closure means that a field is closed to all use during a specified time which will vary dependent on the circumstances. The purpose of a maintenance closure is to allow for field repairs, spring cleanup, winter preparation or regular maintenance as required from time to time.

Why do you need to close a field for so long?

Fields must be closed to perform the required maintenance. Equipment used to aerate, dethatch, fertilize, and mow are heavy and can lead to additional damage on wet soils. As such, because field closures are weather dependent closure times will vary based on whether it is wet or dry.

Why do fields need to be maintained?

Maintenance is necessary to improve the quality of the existing turf, to facilitate growth of new turf, and to rehabilitate the playing surface. On-going foot traffic can create poor turf density, which can lead to safety issues during the operating season and the need for continual maintenance which will result in longer closure periods.

How can you support our maintenance efforts?

Understanding the reasons for maintenance closures and the importance of staying off sports fields during these periods is the first step. The second step is educating your peers on the importance of staying off the fields during maintenance closures. It's your turf, with your help, we can maintain the best surfaces possible and ensure the longevity of the grass to allow for a longer season.

When will the lights be connected at Den Duyf fields?

BC Hydro is scheduled to install the Hydro Service connection and pad mounted transformer to power the lights. This is anticipated to occur in May.

Will it always be a delayed opening in the spring season?

Opening in the Spring will always be dependant on weather.