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City sports fields to open May 8

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City of Edmonton grass sports fields will now open to all users on Monday, May 8.

The announcement comes as a result of warmer weather and a long-term forecast for sunny days, which will help dry out the fields. In the past week, City staff have completed preliminary field inspections and determined that most fields will be ready for use by Monday.

"Sports fields are a valued resource to Edmontonians," says Rodger Davidson, Director, Parks Operations Southwest. "We're excited people will have the chance to reclaim their sports season."

Some fields may still be too wet to use, so the city is providing some tips, and asking citizens to use discretion. "If water pools or runs off the field surface, or if water pools around your foot when you step on the field, please don't use it," says Davidson. "When in doubt, don't use the field. It's easier to prevent damage than to repair it, and damaged fields will require lengthy maintenance closures later on."

Since announcing a delayed opening last week, City staff have been monitoring weather and field conditions and completing essential maintenance, and have found that most fields are dry enough to withstand use without damage.

Some pre-season maintenance, such as mowing, line painting and grooming of shale infields, is still to be done on some fields. The City asks for patience while they continue to prepare for the outdoor sports season.

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