

Field Playability

When rain and snow hit the North Shore



Fields

- ◆ Safety first:
 - ◆ Fields officially closed – check Twitter (@DNV Fields, @CNVFields, @WestVanFields) or the website
 - ◆ North Van Recreation (District and City)
 - ◆ <https://www.nvrc.ca/facilities-fields/field-status-locations>
 - ◆ WestVan
 - ◆ <https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/field-conditions>
- ◆ Sometimes there will be a “Field Closed” chain on the goal – don’t remove
- ◆ Email indicating fields closed will be sent from NSYSA if possible

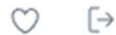
NVRC Website Tweets

Tweets by @CNVFields



CNV Fields
@CNVFields

Due to current and ongoing heavy rainfall this weekend all grass fields in the City are closed and will reopen Monday. ☁️ those fields are Loutet, Ray Perrault, Norseman, and Chris Zuehlke. Artificial and gravel fields remain open.



Oct 15, 2021



CNV Fields
@CNVFields

Looks like we are in for a beautiful day. While it did rain heavily last night the fields are in good condition. No field closures to report.



Tweets by @DNVFields



Oct 17, 2021



DNV Fields
@DNVFields

Closed fields for today: Upper Cleveland, Eldon, Inter River 7, Lillooet, William Griffin. The rest of the fields remain as user discretion. Stay safe out there and have fun! We will continue to update any field closures if the rain keeps up. Thanks!



[Embed](#)

[View on Twitter](#)

Grass Field Closure

- ◆ Grass closes for:
 - ◆ Standing water
 - ◆ Large muddy areas – boots sink and create a depression
 - ◆ Frost conditions, playing on frozen grass does months of damage
 - ◆ Parks may close fields if they are already wet and more rain is coming – the weather could shift, but the field is still closed.
 - ◆ If Parks has closed grass fields, never allow a game to be played on grass

Gravel Field Closure

- ◆ All-Weather/Gravel fields close when:
 - ◆ Standing water
 - ◆ Flowing water
 - ◆ Ice patches
 - ◆ Field surface too frozen for cleats to penetrate
 - ◆ Falling on surface would result in greater injury than normal

Turf Field Closure

- ◆ Artificial Turf closes when not safe
 - ◆ Standing water
 - ◆ Players slipping
 - ◆ Cleats filling with snow
 - ◆ Icy conditions
 - ◆ Temperature below -5°C with or without windchill
 - ◆ Falling on surface would result in injury greater than normal
 - ◆ Cleats don't catch in turf
 - ◆ Sliding cleats back and forth does not get to full cleat depth
 - ◆ No surface compression – if you fell on your knees or face would it hurt more than normal?

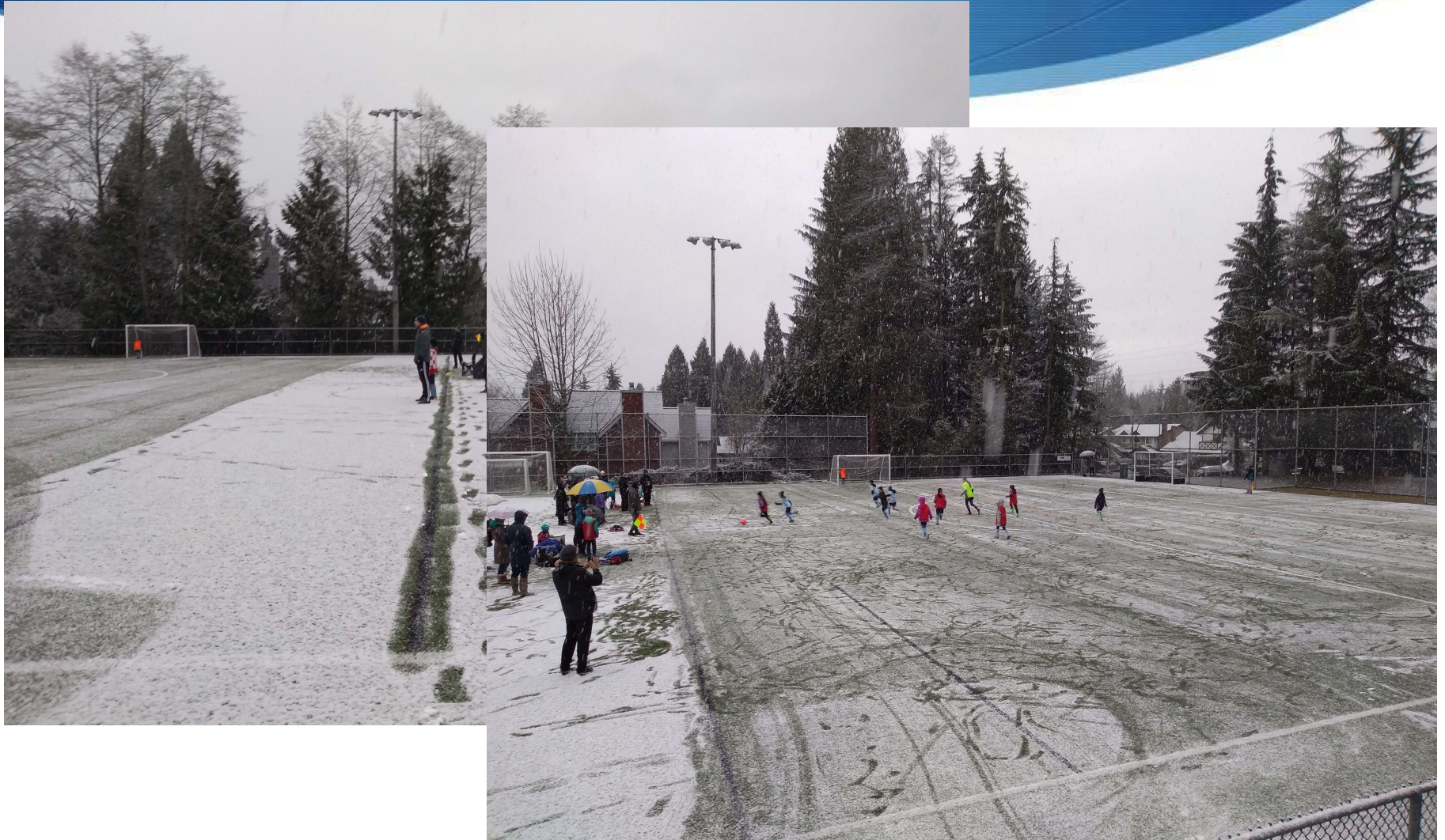
Standing Water



Standing Water



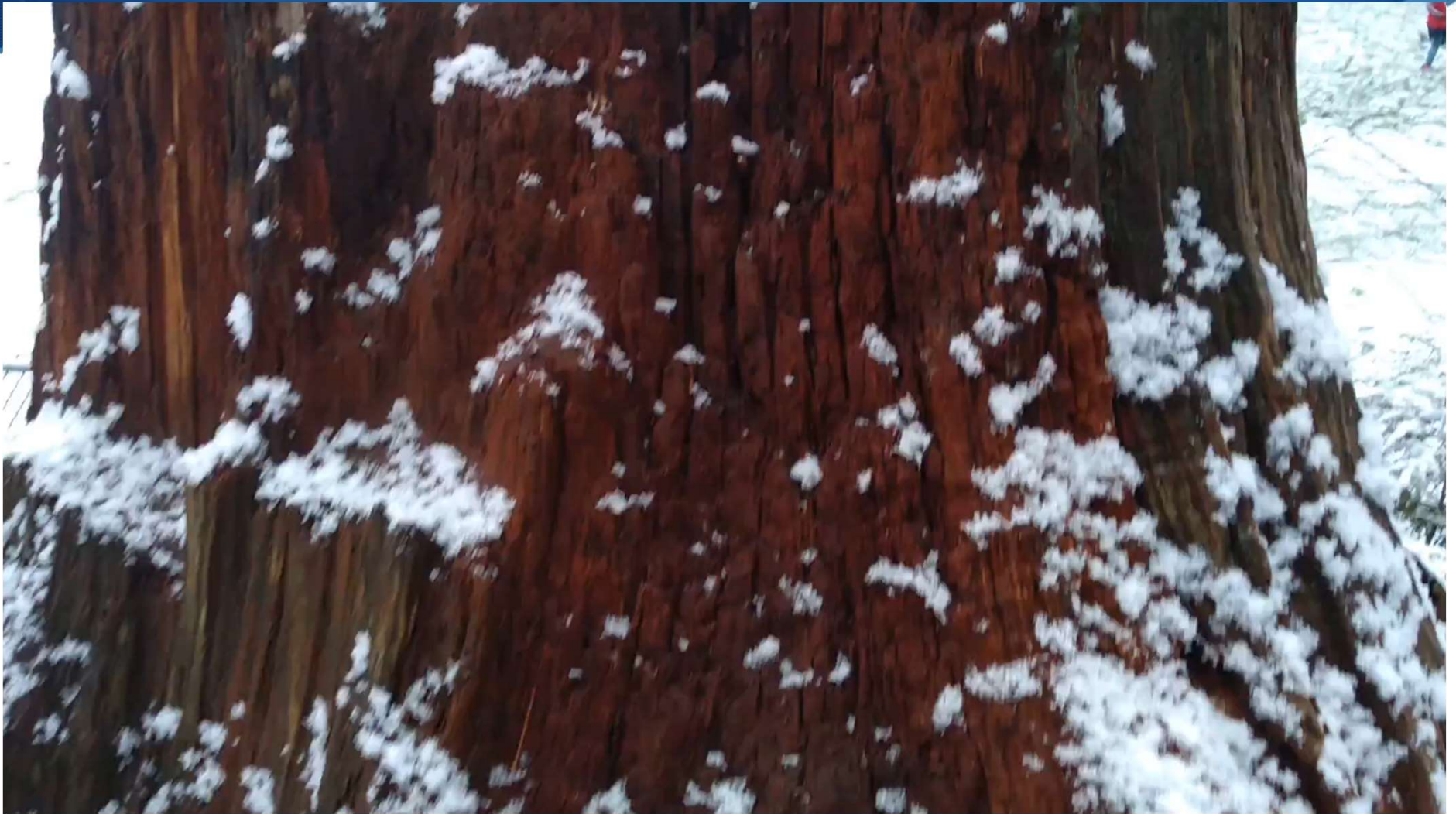
Playable?



Snow

- ◆ If the snow is thick enough that the lines cannot be seen, not safe for play
- ◆ Only Parks may clear snow

Snowy Play



Fast Changes

HALF TIME -2 MIN



FULL TIME -2 MIN

Game Cancelled at Field

- ◆ Referee should consult with both coaches and inspect field.
- ◆ Any of the above-listed conditions will result in game cancellation.
- ◆ Sometimes the lines can be moved to avoid one bad area.
- ◆ Decision to cancel the game for non-playable conditions is the referee's.
- ◆ Some coaches will want to play, no matter what the conditions.
- ◆ In marginal conditions, coaches should suggest play to protect the players – referees must call fouls much tighter.