

Playing Field Classifications Ball Diamonds and Sport Fields

Classification	Description
Premier	Primary Level of Play: Competitive Sport (High Level) Suitable for Organized professional sport, amateur sport, and hosting larger sporting events. The facility may also accommodate minor sport use. Used for Games Only.
	Level of Maintenance: Enhanced
	Level of Amenities: Enhanced
	Ball - Operating Season: May 1 to Oct 31 some exceptions apply Sport Field - Operating Season: June 1 to Oct 31
All-Weather	Primary Level of Play: All Levels of Programmed Sport Use Fields are designed to take spring and fall usage off vulnerable grass fields. Meets local requirements for organized amateur, minor sport, and recreational leagues. Hosting and can range from small to medium size events including Local/Regional/Provincial competitions and national events. Used for Games and Practices.
	Level of Maintenance: Specialized for All-Weather
	Level of Amenities: Enhanced
	Operating Season: April 1 to December 1
A	Primary Level of Play: Competitive and Organized Recreational Sport Meets the local requirements for organized amateur, minor sport, and recreational leagues. Site can host Local/Regional/Provincial competitions. Used for Games and Practices.
	Level of Maintenance: High
	Level of Amenities: High
	Ball - Operating Season: May 1 to Oct 31 Sport Field - Operating Season: June 1 to Oct 31
	Shared Programmed and General Community Use
B	Primary Level of Play: Recreational Sport & Community Use Meets local requirements for organized recreational sport as well as shared general community uses. The playing field is open to the public when not scheduled and can host small events. Used for Games and Practices.
	Level of Maintenance: Standard
	Level of Amenities: Standard
	Ball - Operating Season: May 15-31 to Oct 31 Sport Field - Operating Season: June 1 to Oct 31
	Unstructured Community Use
Greenspace	Primary Level of Play: Unstructured and Passive Recreation Suitable for unstructured play, and a wide range of informal recreation uses. Greenspaces are open to the public. They do not meet the program requirements for formalized organized sport
	Level of Maintenance: Basic
	Level of Amenities: No sport specific infrastructure/amenities

	Open/Close Date: May 1 to Oct 31
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HRM reserves the right to change opening and closing dates of specific fields based on scheduling and league play.

Maintenance Levels

Enhanced: Ball Diamonds will be groomed daily where bookings occur. All Athletic fields of this class will be lined weekly at minimum. Grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an 8-week period where it will be cut twice per week where weather allows. Uprights and goal netting will be inspected seasonally. Goal netting will be repaired or replaced seasonally.

All-Weather: Fields are groomed four times per season and rubber crumb and sand added where required. Uprights and goal netting will be inspected seasonally. Goal netting will be repaired or replaced seasonally.

High: Ball Diamond infields will be groomed up to three times per week where scheduled bookings occur. All Athletic fields of this class will be lined once per week for games only, practices will not be lined. Grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an 8-week period where it will be cut twice per week where weather allows. Uprights will be inspected seasonally. Goal netting to be provided by user.

Standard: Ball Diamond infields will be groomed up to two times per week where scheduled bookings occur. All Athletic fields of this class will be lined every second week for games only. Grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an 8-week period where it will be cut twice per week where weather allows. Uprights will be inspected seasonally. Goal netting to be provided by user.

Greenspace: These fields will not be groomed or lined. Grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an 8 week period where it will be cut twice per week where weather allows.

All Classifications:

Additional maintenance above minimum standards can be conducted at the discretion of HRM Parks staff if required.

To improve field condition, seasonal turf maintenance such as fertilizing, top dressing, overseeding will occur in April to June and again in September and October as well as during scheduled rest periods. During this period, selected fields will be closed.

HRM reserves the right to cancel field bookings due to inclement weather or for necessary field repairs. Field closures may be required for up to 2 weeks to carry out the specific maintenance tasks listed above. For a full list of turf maintenance tasks visit our Field Maintenance page. [LINK](#)