

Playing field classifications

Ball diamonds and sport fields

Classification	Description
Premier	Primary level of play: Competitive sport (high level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> suitable for organized professional sport, amateur sport and hosting larger sporting events facility may also accommodate minor sport use used for games only
	Level of maintenance: enhanced
	Level of amenities: enhanced
	Ball field – operating season: May 1 to October 31 (some exceptions apply) Sport Field – operating season: June 1 to October 31
All-weather	Primary level of play: All levels of programmed sport use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 can range from small to medium size events including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 November 30
A	Primary level of play: competitive and organized recreational sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 fields – operating season: May 1 to October 31 Sport fields – operating season: June 1 to October 31
	Shared programmed and general community use
B	Primary level of play: Recreational sport and community use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 fields – operating season: May 15-31 to October 31 (opening date based on scheduled bookings) Sport fields – operating season: June 1 to October 31

	Unstructured community use
Greenspace	Primary level of play: Unstructured and passive recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 October 31

Please note: the Halifax Regional Municipality reserves the right to change opening and closing dates of specific fields based on scheduling and league play.

Maintenance levels

Enhanced:

- ball diamonds are groomed daily, where bookings occur
- all athletic fields of this class are lined weekly (at minimum)
- grass is cut weekly for most of the season except for an eight-week period where it will be cut twice per week, where weather allows
- uprights, goals and netting are inspected seasonally

All-weather:

- fields are groomed each season
- rubber crumb and sand are added where required
- uprights and goal netting are inspected seasonally
 - goal netting repaired or replaced seasonally

High:

- ball diamond infields are 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 are not lined)
- grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an eight-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 are groomed up to two times per week where scheduled bookings occur
- all athletic fields of this class are lined every second week for games only
- grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an eight-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 are not groomed or lined
- grass cut weekly for most of the season except for an eight-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 municipal Parks staff, if required
- to improve field condition, seasonal turf maintenance such as fertilizing, top dressing and overseeding may occur in/during:
 - April to June
 - September and October
 - scheduled rest periods
 - this period, selected fields will be closed
 - fields selected for closure will be communicated through seasonal application package materials circulated by Facility Scheduling.

The Halifax Regional Municipality reserves the right to cancel field bookings due to inclement weather or for necessary field repairs. Field closures may be required for up to two weeks to carry out the specific maintenance tasks listed above. For a full list of turf maintenance tasks, visit our [field maintenance](#) web page. For field condition updates, visit our [field conditions](#) web page.