



Field Closure, Practice & Game Cancellations How Does it all Work? – How Do I Know?

As city fields officially open this week (on Monday, March 16, 2009), we want to provide all parents with the following important information regarding how fields are closed, who makes those field closure decisions and how you can find out when practices and/or games are cancelled...

1. All Lynchburg United practice fields are owned and operated by the city of Lynchburg, to which we (Lynchburg United Soccer Club) are considered a “partner” program. Lynchburg Parks & Recreation Department has decision making authority over all city fields (includes Peaks View Park and all city school fields). If they make a decision to close fields, they are closed and LUS teams are not to be on them at all.
2. The only fields that are not city owned and operated are those at the Lynchburg Regional Soccer Complex, which is owned and operated by Lynchburg United Soccer Club. The LUS Club Director makes field closure decisions for the LRSC. It’s important to note that we work very closely with Lynchburg Parks & Recreation, and we usually follow along the same decision making patterns as the city does.
3. Lynchburg Parks & Recreation usually does not make a decision regarding fields (open or closed) **until 3 PM on weekdays**. Once Lynchburg Parks & Recreation makes that decision, they will contact the LUS Club Director and notify him of that decision.

IMPORTANT CANCELLATION LINE PHONE NUMBERS

Lynchburg Parks & Recreation Cancellation Line. That number is 434-455-5860. Once into the system, press “1” on your touch-tone phone for “Athletics” for cancellations and/or updates. ***REMINDER – Wait until 3 PM to call.***

Lynchburg United Soccer Club Cancellation Line. That number is 434-846-6544. When calling the LUS cancellation line you will hear a greeting with the latest cancellation information (with date and time of that posting). If there are no cancellations to report when you call, the message will indicate that no message means there are no cancellations to report at that current time. ***REMINDER – LUS can only report cancellation after we are informed by Lynchburg Parks & Recreation (which is usually not until 3 PM each weekday).***

Game Day Field Closure’s & Cancellations:

If you call either of these cancellation lines on a Friday (if your child has a game on Saturday), it may or may not have cancellation notification posted if the fields are playable on Friday. There are times that rain/bad weather comes in overnight on a Friday or Saturday (for Sunday games), should that happen, it could change that field status. Fields will be inspected on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings if in question and then a decision will be made and placed on the LUS Cancellation Line. The city does not work on weekends and their message will likely not be up to date. **Always check the LUS Cancellation Line and the LUS website before leaving for fields if we receive rain overnight (www.lynchburgunited.com) for the latest updates on field closures, and/or game cancellations.**

