

## **TOWN OF SOMERS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD USE POLICY**

All athletic fields/courts are open to the residents of Somers on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that an individual/group is using a field/court without a permit, they must yield to any permit holding team. Games always take precedence. No other activities are to take place on a field/court while a game is underway.

Before the beginning of each season (spring, summer, fall,) all athletic facilities under Somers Department of Parks and Recreation jurisdiction are distributed for use to Town sponsored programs first then to the following organizations/team by permit. SYSO (Somers Youth Sports Organization,) Somers Central School District, Somers Men's EDSL over 30 Soccer.

After these organizations have been accommodated; teams comprised of 100% resident rosters may apply for a permit at the Recreation Office to secure field space, if space remains.

Permits are issued at the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

### **Weather Guidelines:**

Fields may not be used while it is raining. Do not assume that fields are playable simply because it has stopped raining. Playing on muddy or slippery fields risks injury to players and may damage the surface.

As a rule of thumb fields may not be used if:

- there is standing water on any portion of the field;
- the sound of a footstep (squish-squash) can be heard while walking the field;
- while standing on the field, water can be observed gathering around the sole of the foot;
- while walking on the Baseball/Softball field infield areas an impression 1/2" or deeper is made in the clay.

The Town reserves the right to close the fields due to inclement weather, poor field conditions and for maintenance. Contact the Recreation Office Monday-Friday by 3:30 p.m. for field status.

***In the event of thunder or lightning refer to the Town Policy.***

For further information contact the Recreation office at 232-8441.