

Field Inspection Hazard List

Many things can make a field unsafe for play, represent a potential injury to players or put volunteers and spectators at risk. The following are just some of the potential hazards to look for and remedy:

Playing Field Conditions

- Water saturated, wet, slippery playing field or goal area
- Dry, hard playing field
- Permanent hazards (move playing field):
 - Sprinklers
 - Utility Access covers
 - Pipes/faucets
 - Drains
- Debris (cleared before each game)
 - Broken glass
 - Rocks, gravel
 - Bottles or Cans
 - Pencils, Pens
 - Trash including paper
- Bikes/toys too close to touchlines
- Gopher holes, large divots or bumps

Surrounding Areas

- Walls, fences, concrete edging too close to playing fields
- Poles/posts
- Trees, shrubs protruding into field of play or too close to touchlines
- Playing fields so close to each other that players, stray balls and spectators enter games in play
- Coach, player, spectator seating areas too close to touchlines
- Field equipment from other sports like backstops, football sleds, infields
- Parked cars
- Standing water – West Nile, mosquito breeding ground
- Industrial chemical exposure