

Winter Athletic Field Schedule

As you may know the athletic fields receive heavy amounts of play each year. We receive well over 1,000 hours of reserved field usage at each of our major parks. Please see below “Expected Field Conditions” chart from N.C State. During the winter months the turf is not active so we will be closing the fields for rest and preparation for the spring season. **We will close all NHC Parks athletic facilities beginning December 1st until February 15, 2019.**

As we have done in the past, we will shut down all sports field lighting this winter **(see schedule below)**. The lighting will remain inactive until February 15, 2019. We currently participate in the Sports Field Lighting program through Duke Energy which offers us substantial savings on our lighting fees by putting them in “sleep mode”. The program requires that lights stay off for two full billing cycles.

Field Lighting Winter Season Shutoff Schedule

1. Hugh Macrae Park baseball fields beginning November 28th
2. Hoggard School softball fields beginning November 28th
3. Roland Grise School baseball field beginning December 1st
4. Cape Fear Optimist-beginning December 1st
5. Ogden Park baseball, football, soccer fields beginning December 1st
6. Myrtle Grove School baseball fields beginning December 1st
7. Veterans Park baseball, football, soccer fields beginning December 1st
8. North Regional Park football and soccer fields beginning December 3rd

In addition, all concession stands will be winterized again this year beginning the week of November 26. Please schedule to make preparations for any of your refrigeration units prior to this time as well.

Expected Field Condition	Field Use (Hours per Year)
Sustained good field conditions	200 hours or less
Good field conditions with some thinning of the turf and localized wear areas	400 to 600 hours
Fair field conditions; expect significant thinning and wear.	800 to 1,000 hours
Significant turf loss, field surface damage	More than 1,000 hours