

Date: September 5, 2008

TO: All Community Users of Rockwood School District Fields

FR: Bill Wagner, Facility Usage Supervisor - Community Education

RE: Revised Regulation 1420 - Community Use of School Facilities

Inclement weather can create concern for schools and community groups using athletic fields. In Rockwood, we pay the most attention to the safety of our children during these times. Our secondary concern is for the possible damage to the field and the cost of potential repairs to it. One rainy day combined with one team practice can cause thousands of dollars in damage, and create problems for subsequent users.

The Rockwood School District recently revised **Regulation 1420 - Community Use of School Facilities** - in an effort to clarify policies relating to use of district facilities by community groups and organizations. As a community group or organization that uses our district facilities/fields, we want to inform you of the new process that has been implemented regarding closing of fields and facilities due to inclement weather such as rain or snow. The regulation now states:

When the superintendent has declared the "schools closed" because of inclement weather or an emergency condition, all district facilities and fields will typically be closed to outside activity. Regarding field usage, if inclement weather does not force the closing of schools but has adversely affected the conditions of facilities or fields, the district has the right to close said facilities or fields to ensure their ongoing usability. As a rule, if a facility or field is closed on Saturday due to inclement weather, the facility or field will also be closed on Sunday. It is the responsibility of the user group to confirm facility or field status prior to usage. If a facility is closed due to inclement weather, the user group will not be charged for usage. Failure to abide by the inclement weather policy may result in the future privilege of use being revoked.

Effective immediately, the district has created two ways for users to confirm facility/field status:

1. **Online** – You may check facility and field status online by visiting www.rockwood.k12.mo.us and clicking on ‘Community Education’ in the Hot Links; or
2. **By phone** – You may call the facility/field hotline at 636-938-2303.

Determination on facility and field status will be made by 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. For up-to-date field status on Saturdays and Sundays, please call the hotline at 636-938-2303.

To read the complete Regulation 1420 – Community Use of School Facilities – please visit www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/community/boe/regulations/1000r1420.html

We look forward to continuing to make district facilities/fields available for use by Rockwood community groups and organizations. Please call 636-938-2307, if you have any questions.