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### 2016 SUMMER ATHLETIC FIELD CLOSURES

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department will be closing several of its athletic fields through the summer for turf maintenance and enhancements. The closures are necessary in order to give crews the opportunity to conduct annual maintenance on the fields by aerating, fertilizing, re-seeding, and giving the turf time to heal and grow in preparation for fall sports activities. City staff strives to provide the public and various user groups with the best sports fields possible.

“The weather in Tucson affords us the great opportunity to play sports year-round,” said Deputy Director Mike Hayes. “However, the heavy utilization of the limited number of athletic fields available results in the need to allow the fields to recover and rejuvenate during the summer months. Everyone is requested to observe the field closed signs and stay off the turf to assist with the success of the renovations.”

The department utilizes a Rain Out Hotline that residents can call to determine the status of all City maintained sports fields. This phone line, 520-837-8110, is updated every time there are field closures due to weather or any other unforeseen events. Sports field closure information also is posted on the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Sports Unit [website](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/sports) ([www.tucsonaz.gov/sports](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/sports)), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@TucsonParksRec).

For more information regarding City-maintained sports fields, contact the Tucson Parks and Recreation Sports Unit at 520-791-4870 or [sportsunit@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:sportsunit@tucsonaz.gov). For more information about Tucson Parks and Recreation, go to [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks).

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### Summer 2016 Sports Field Closure Dates

Park and Field	Closure Dates
Udall Soccer A, B, C, D, E	May 2 - June 24
Ochoa Soccer G, H, I	May 9 - July 1
Mansfield Soccer A	June 20 - July 1
Kennedy Soccer A, B	May 16 - June 17
Doolen Soccer A, B	May 31 - July 22
Jacobs Soccer A, B	June 6 - August 26
Menlo A, B	June 20 - July 15
Golf Links Soccer A, B, C, D, E	June 27 - August 19
Townsend Soccer A, B	June 27 - July 22
Rudy Garcia Soccer A, B, C	July 5 - August 26
Silverlake Soccer A, B	July 5 - August 26
James Thomas Soccer A	July 11 - August 26
Himmel A, B, C, D	July 11 - July 29
Murrieta MPF #4	July 11 - August 5
Jesse Owens MPF #9	July 12 - August 5

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