**Purpose:** The purpose of the Field Judges is two-fold. The first and foremost is to **ensure the safety of our athletes, Coaches and Parents** participating/supporting HCYP Softball; the 2nd is to preserve the health of our fields. Muddy or slick infields pose a safety hazard to players and should not be used. Wet outfields are alright to practice on provided a player will NOT be creating divots in the grass during normal softball drills. Outfield or grassy areas should be closed if normal softball drills result in divots. Try to evaluate the fields as close to 4pm as possible to give Coaches time to call off their practice, or to move their practice indoors if possible.

**Responsibilities/Process:**

**Step 1: Field Inspection**

* The Field Judge needs to look at all four Softball Fields (Field 7, Field 12, Field 9 & Field 10)
* **Infield Inspection: (Repeat for each Field)**
	+ **1a:** **Look for standing Water.** If the infield has standing water, the infield should be deemed “closed” for the rest of the day.
	+ **1b:** If no standing water is present on the infield, **Walk the infield** – If your shoes leave an imprint, or you **encounter slick areas on the field**, Close the Infield for the remainder of the day
* **Outfield Inspection:** **(Repeat for Each Field)**
	+ **1c: Walk the Outfield**. Look for muddy or slick areas. Look for loose muddy areas that may result in a divot should a player cut or dive. If these areas exist in the outfield, close the outfield for practice.

**Step 2: Make Field Ruling Known –** Send out you’re ruling to the Coaches and HCYP Reps Shown below. We strongly recommend you set up a distribution list to allow you to send out your ruling from your phone at the field to expedite the process. *Remember: Field Judge Rulings are only required when we have had adverse weather. A ruling is NOT required every week.*

**Format Example:**

 ***Date:*** *xx April 24*

***Field 7:*** *Infield is Closed – Outfield ONLY open for Practice*

***Field 12:*** *Field 12 is Open for Practice*

***Field 9:*** *Infield is Closed – Outfield ONLY open for Practice*

***Field 10:*** *Field is closed due to existing field conditions*

**Contacts:** Once a field ruling has been made, ensure the following individuals are notified:

**Coaches:**

| **COACHES NAME** | **COACHES EMAIL** |
| --- | --- |
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**Spring 2024 Assigned Field Judges:**

 Mondays: TBD

 Tuesdays: Andrew Bronstein

 Wednesdays: Brannin Clark / Steve Clark

 Thursdays: Robert West

 Fridays: Holly and John Moore

 Saturdays: Kenny Herrell

 Sundays: Robert West

**Note:** Age Commissioners, please remember to reach out and ensure the umpires have been informed of the field closure on game days. If possible, make the field ruling the night before a morning game.

**Disputes:** Field Closures can only be overturned by either Tom Bonier (HCYP REC Softball Commissioner) or Bob West (HCYP Director of Softball)