

Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District Snow Removal Policy for Athletic Events

Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) policy remains that snow will not be removed from any athletic fields. Opening School Sites is the priority for all snow removal operations. All TTUSD facilities are included in this policy, no exceptions.

In a situation where TTUSD is hosting post regular season games in which TTUSD teams are participating, TTUSD will use the following criteria to determine the playability of the field.

- 1) TTUSD facilities and maintenance department will:
 - a) Assess field conditions including:
 - i) Amount of snow on the field
 - ii) Temperatures: past, current, and future
 - iii) Weather Forecast
 - iv) Potential damage to field based on items i-iii
 - v) Availability of staff to remove snow
 - vi) Cost of snow removal
- 2) At any time, the NIAA referee association can cancel the use of fields based on their evaluation of field conditions and potential safety issues posed to the players.
- 3) If the fields are deemed unplayable, TTUSD will work with the NIAA to provide an alternate neutral field that will be used to support the event.

If removal is authorized:

- 1) Removal will be completed solely by TTUSD employees or snow removal operators contracted with TTUSD.
- 2) If TTUSD determines that the conditions allow for the removal of snow by volunteers, only plastic shovels and/or tracked walk behind snow blowers will be permitted and the following will apply:
 - a) All operations will be supervised by TTUSD Facilities and Maintenance staff.
 - b) Volunteers to operate/use their own equipment.
 - c) All adult volunteers must submit the attached Adult Volunteer Agreement and Waiver of Liability prior to participating in the snow removal operations.
 - d) Student volunteers must receive prior approval from the School Site Administration and must submit the Student Voluntary Activity Waiver Release and Indemnity Agreement, signed by student and student's parent/guardian and witness. Student volunteers will not be allowed to operate snow blowers.
 - e) Snow blower operators will leave a minimum of 2 inches of snow on the field to prevent damage to the field and irrigation system.
 - i) Remaining snow will be removed by shovels or melted by the weather.
 - f) In no case shall snow melt, salt, tan bark, or wood chips be placed on the fields. The use of alternative snow melting agents such as topsoil may be considered at TTUSD's discretion.