

Grubs, dry fall force Wheeler soccer games off home field -- North Stonington, Connecticut

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NORTH STONINGTON — Wheeler High will not be playing any more home soccer game this season due to a grub infestation and a dry autumn.

"A grub infestation combined with extremely dry conditions has left our field in rough shape," Wheeler Principal Kristen St. Germain wrote in a Friday letter to parents and guardians. "In an effort to begin a field restoration as quickly as possible, we will be moving all soccer games, both boys and girls, to other fields for the remainder of the season."

North Stonington Superintendent Peter Nero was grateful to Stonington and Ledyard for allowing the use of their fields.

In 2010, the Connecticut legislature passed a law banning the use of pesticides on fields used by students in grades K-8. Students in some of those grades use the field.

The Wheeler girls' game against Griswold on Wednesday will be played at Dodd Stadium in Norwich; the Oct. 13 game with Old Saybrook is at Ledyard as is the Oct. 17 contest against Windham. The game with Lyman Memorial will be played on Oct. 15 at Stonington.

For the boys, Wednesday's game with Tourtelotte has been moved to Dodd Stadium. And the Oct. 13 game with Parish Hill will be played at Ledyard.

— Keith Kimberlin

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Residents of North Stonington had better used to having their CHILDREN SUFFERING MORE AND MORE INJURIES. Without conventional pest control products, green spaces become pest-infested dangerous garbage dumps. Without conventional pest control products, playing surfaces become thin and yellow, and over-run with weeds and infested with insects, resulting in the dismal destruction of safe turf playing surfaces. Organic pesticide-free maintenance does NOT work! It is impossible for home-owners or professionals to keep their properties beautiful by using so-called green alternative pesticides and practices. http://wp.me/P1jq40-24q Throughout the nation, anti-pesticide prohibitions have clearly demonstrated that green alternative pesticides and practices are dismal failures. http://wp.me/P1jq40-24g So-called ORGANIC LAWN CARE IS A DISMAL FAILURE! For more information, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... http://wp.me/P1jq40-44g http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3 http://wp.me/P1jq40-445 http://wp.me/P1jq40-3yl WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G http://pesticidetruths.com/ http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr