

Rain Delay Policy

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When a game is suspended for rain, you are obligated to wait for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes to see if the weather clears, unless during that time the field becomes unplayable. If, after thirty (30) minutes, it has been decided to call the game, book rule or league rules will determine the outcome. If the rainout is the first game of a double-header, be available to work the second game if field conditions allow.

Guidelines

- When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
- Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least thirty (30) minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
- Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count will begin.
- For a rain stoppage, the 30-minute rule is in place. If it is clear that the field has become unplayable before the thirty (30) minutes has expired, gather the coaches and explain why you are calling the game before the time limit.
- If there are two (2) or more games going at the same time, varsity on one field and JV on another field, tournament, etc., when one crew stops their game, the umpire(s) on the remaining field(s) are to stop their game also. The umpire(s) from the field that stopped their game are to go over to the other field and inform the umpire(s) that they need to stop their game immediately. If you see the other game has been stopped, stop your game immediately. You will then need to go over to the official scorekeeper and “freeze” the game at that point.

Safety of the players, you and the fans are most important. Thanks for your support in this matter.