



Sioux Falls Youth Slowpitch Association

Severe Weather Policy

2023

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- Each night/day games are scheduled; the President of the league (or designee) will check the weather forecast for the timeframe games will be played. **Coaches will be notified by 5:00 p.m. if games will be cancelled. The YSSA website, Facebook pages, and the Remind system will be updated as well with this information.**
- The President, Umpire in Charge (UIC), and Board Members present at the fields will be in contact (portable radios) with each other throughout the games.
- The above mentioned will monitor and surrounding skies, local radio stations and TV stations for changing weather conditions. We also will contact the National Weather Service.
- Our policy for canceling games is that we will only cancel games if:
 - Lightning is close by (within an approximate 10 miles proximity)
 - Rain is at a complete downpour for an extended period
 - It has been raining for an extended period of time prior to game times. Canceling will be determined by a tour of the diamonds by the UIC and President of field conditions. (Standing water on the fields)
 - Wind conditions sustained above 45 mph.
 - ***A temporary halt of games may be done if the above conditions will move through the area within 15 minutes to 1 hour. Any time frame beyond that will warrant a complete cancel of the night's games.
- If the threatening weather warrants a cancel/halt of games, the Board Members, and other designees (Umpires) will visit with each team present to inform them of the situation (and most likely send the teams home).
- If weather changes come upon the diamonds suddenly, we have air horns, at each diamond, to signal the halting of games.
- In the event of extreme sudden tornado threat, shelter will be taken at surrounding businesses. (Burnside Bingo, Sport Bowl). This will only be used in extreme emergency situations.

Extreme Heat Cancelling of Games

- If the heat index at 5:00 p.m. is **110** degrees or higher, the games will be cancelled for the night.

***These plans will be reviewed annually by the YSSA Board for improvements. **