



# Sioux Falls Youth Slowpitch Association

## Severe Weather Policy

2024

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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. \*\*