

## WEATHER POLICY



**The safety of our players and damage to fields should be primary concerns of all WYBSL participants.** Below is the Weather Policy:

**Rain** — Prior to a scheduled game, only the WYBSL Fields Director (or other WYBSL designee) has the authority to cancel a game. If timing is possible, the league will announce the day's field conditions on the Weather Hot Line (614) 523-6220 and Twitter page @WYBSLalerts. However, if conditions are marginal, or if rain occurs after one and one-half hours before game time, teams should go to their field. At that point, and throughout the game, the authority to stop play rests with the umpires and WYBSL staff. **Games may be resumed at any time within 30 minutes of stoppage, if fields are playable.**

## CONDUCT RULE

**Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in the league.** Team coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players and fans. A coach, player or fan can be ejected from a game and/or removed from the playing field area by order of an umpire, General Manager, Commissioner or Program Director if they violate a league rule of conduct, as follows:

- A. In a game, no coach may utilize any player(s) not currently assigned to his/her team roster by the League. Violation of this rule will result in automatic permanent suspension of the coach(es) involved.
- B. No coach, player or fan shall ever engage in a physical altercation with any player, umpire, coach or fan.
- C. No coach, player or fan shall intentionally violate or refuse to follow any league or game rules.
- D. No coach, player, umpire or fan shall come to the playing field under the influence of alcohol or an illegal drug; and no coach, player or umpire shall use tobacco products at the playing field during a game or practice.
- E. No coach, player or fan shall engage in grossly unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to, throwing equipment, use of profanity, arguing with an umpire over a call or directing remarks to a player, umpire, coach or fan which are of a degrading or distracting nature.
- F. Only the Head Coach, or his/her designee in the Head Coach's absence, may leave his/her designated area to dispute a judgment call by an umpire. This infraction may be penalized by either restricting to the dugout for the remainder of the game or ejecting the Head Coach and/or the offending coach.
- G. After each game, in the practice of good sportsmanship, all coaches and players shall form two opposing lines and proceed through a traditional, orderly "handshake line". No coach or player shall avoid participation in this line or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct in the line.
- H. No coach, player, parent or fan shall, at any time, threaten, intimidate, attempt to intimidate, harm or attempt to harm, or disparage, any umpire, player, coach, WYBSL official or fan. Any person who violates this rule may immediately be banned from all WYBSL sites and activities for a period of time to be determined by the Board of Trustees, up to and including a permanent ban. This rule shall be applied regardless of where and when the offending conduct takes place.

If a coach, player or fan is ejected from a game and/or removed from the playing field area for conduct as described above (or in the case of G. above, does not participate as described), the person shall provide a written statement describing his/her version of the events and/or other explanation to the General Manager within twenty-four hours of the incident, and may not attend or participate in any practice or game until doing so.

The General Manager and Commissioner or Program Director shall review the statement and gather any other information from other parties that they deem necessary to determine if a further penalty should be assessed. Such further penalty, if any, shall be assessed before the team's next scheduled game.

Any coach who violates the above guidelines may be immediately removed from his/her position by his/her Commissioner, GM or Program Director. In the event of such an occurrence, each coach would be provided with the opportunity to appear before the Board of Trustees at its next scheduled meeting in order to describe for the Board his/her version of the events which may exist for reinstating the coach.

**Lightning/Thunder** — If the City's Lightning Prediction System covers a field of play, when one continuous horn burst is sounded, all games and practices must stop and fields must be cleared. An all-clear is signaled by three short bursts. This applies at all times and in all weather conditions.

Whether a lightning prediction system is present or not, if lightning is sighted or thunder is heard, umpires will immediately clear the field and dugout; if sighted by one umpire in a multiple diamond location, all fields will be cleared. Games may resume no less than 20 minutes after the last lightning sighting or thunder is heard, if fields are playable.

**Playability** — If a game is stopped during play, players and fans should move to shelter or cars and wait for a notice from the umpire or WYBSL staff. The final decision regarding playability rests with the umpires (in a multiple diamond location, umpires may consult each other if field conditions are marginal).

**In the case of practices, Head Coaches are responsible for following the weather policy. For all Coach-Pitch and Tee-Ball games, Head Coaches are jointly responsible for following league policy.**

**Make-Ups** — If a game cannot be played or completed, the League will reschedule it as soon as possible, with final confirmation by your Umpire Coordinator. Usually, your make-ups for the week will be played on Saturday (at any time) or on Sunday afternoon and once scheduled – the make-up game will be played or considered a forfeit.