

## **HAA Inclement Weather Policy - Baseball**

Given that the first priority must always be the safety and well-being of our children, and there will invariably be differences in judgment regarding the safety of playing a game under impending inclement weather, the Hoover Athletic Association Board of Directors has issued these guidelines in the case of inclement weather during any game or event at Hoover East Sports Park.

If lightning or thunder is observed by parents, coaches, or umpires, all players should be immediately removed from the field to a safe area with their parents or guardians for 15 minutes. With each and every observed lightning flash or thunderclap, a new 15 minute delay will begin. After 15 minutes without lightning or thunder the game may begin or resume with the approval of an umpire or a member of the HAA Board of Directors. If an umpire or a member of the HAA Board of Directors believes that it is unsafe to continue play, the game should be suspended and rescheduled per HAA's Rules of Baseball.

Different situations prevail for each individual in threatening weather situations. Therefore, coaches, parents, and umpires must exercise their own best judgment while considering a function or activity at the park. While HAA will always take the action that is deemed to be in the best interest of all families, in the end, the decision to attend or participate in an activity during inclement weather has to be an individual one based on each person's circumstances. At any time, a parent may remove their child from the game due to weather-related safety concerns without penalty to the parent or the child. There will not be an automatic out, and the coach may not discipline the child as a result of this instance.