



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Weather can be unpredictable during this time of year and rain delays are always likely. Over the years our organization has become uniquely equipped and prepared to mitigate most weather scenarios. In most instances, we simply face a short delay while we wait out the weather and repair the fields. In the event of a major storm, we simply ask that teams remain patient and continue to check the tournament website for updates. As soon as decisions are made by the tournament director, they will be posted online.

### Potential Scenarios:

#### RAIN

- **Light Rain/Lightning** - We will play through light rain. We will not play through lightning.
  - Umpires may delay the game if they feel the field has become unsafe for players. The field crew will be called and play will resume once repairs are made. No additional time will be added back during pool play. Games will still end at completion of the time limit.
  - LIGHTNING - Umpires must follow the MBT game delay rules for lightning. There will be no exceptions granted to try to finish games. No additional time will be added back during pool play. Games will still end at completion of the time limit.
  
- **Short Rain Delay 2 hours or less**
  - Games times will not be shortened.
  - Play will resume as soon as field crews can make the field safely playable.
  - Games will extend until dusk (determined by umpire discretion) or 10:00 PM if the field has lights.
  
- **Longer Rain Delay 2 -4 hours**
  - Option 1 - Games length may be shortened by no less than 15, but no more than 25 minutes (this is our preferred course of action)
  - Option 2 - Game may be shortened by reducing innings. (only if necessary)
    - 6 inning games may be reduced to 4 or 5.
    - 7 inning games may be reduced to 5 or 6.
  - Option 3 - Games may go to 1 ball -1 strike count on the batter (last choice)
  
- **Multiple Rain Delays or Severe Weather Delay**
  - Safety of the players comes first. Games may be canceled if the tournament directors deem the field a safety hazard.
  - If games are cancelled and your team has only played 1 or 2 games. Partial refunds will be given. No refunds will be given, if you have started your 3<sup>rd</sup> game.

## **RAINOUPS**

### ➤ **Friday Rainouts - POOL PLAY**

- If a game is halted due to weather and it has reached official completion status, as defined by rule, a winner will be declared and the game will not be resumed.
- If a game is halted due to weather and it has NOT reached official completion status, as defined by rule, it will be resumed AFTER ALL SATURDAY GAMES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. We want to keep the Saturday schedule intact and this is best way we have found to keep the tournaments running smoothly.

### ➤ **Saturday Rainouts**

- Determining how to advance teams during rained a shortened weekend is the most difficult decision we may need to make. We will try to be fair to all of our guests. We appreciate the choice you made to come to Rochester and we take the our responsibility to you very seriously. We realize that some teams may be disappointed by a decision, but we will do our best to be communicate clearly and in timely manner.

### ➤ **Sunday Rainouts - BRACKET PLAY**

- We follow the guidelines sent out by MBT and published on their website. We are not allowed to award state tournament bids if we do not follow these rules.

### ➤ **TORNADOES**

- The city of Rochester has a tornado warning system. We recommend that you immediately seek shelter if tornado sirens are sounded.
- The fieldhouse on the campus at RCTC will be open as a shelter. This is the closest facility for games played at the Rochester baseball Complex and the RYFSA fields.
- The Watson Park complex does not have an official city shelter. Guests are advised to seek shelter at nearby businesses.