

NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball

Weather and Adjustment Procedure

In the event of lightning, heavy rain, or tornado warnings, NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball will ask participants to leave the McKnight Field Softball Complex and seek shelter.

In the event of extreme heat, NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball will operate in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) guidelines for participation in sports activities as it relates to following heat indexes:

- **65-80:** No Special measures required.
- **81-99:** Coaches and parents will be encouraged to take extra steps to keep the athletes hydrated and cool including but not limited to bringing a water cooler and rags soaked in cold water.
- **100-104:** All tournament games become game-time decisions, Pony and Filly league games will be suspended until the heat index drops below 100 degrees, Minor, Junior, and Senior League games will be suspended until the heat index drops below 100 degrees or after 7:00 p.m. whichever occurs first, athletes will only be allowed to play catcher for two consecutive innings, unlimited pinch runners will be allowed at any base, athletes will be encouraged to sit or stand in the shade available around the bench area, and 5 minutes will be allowed for the athletes to take the field between innings. Tournament Game Adjustments will be enacted.
- **105+:** All games suspended until the heat index returns to acceptable levels. Tournament Bracket Adjustments will be enacted.

Interruptions causing the evacuation of the McKnight Field Complex or suspension of play will result in minimum delay of one-half hour. Tournament staff will contact the head coach of each team to relay decisions regarding the continuation of play. Suspended games will be resumed under the conditions that prevailed **prior** to the interruption that caused the suspension; unless, the game satisfied the regulation game criteria as set forth by NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball rules. Failure to appear or take the field for your designated tournament game will result in forfeiture of the game.

Tournament Game Adjustments Resulting from Excessive Game Delays:

1. Straight 3-2 count with no courtesy
2. 5 innings Maximum

Tournament Bracket Adjustments Resulting from Excessive Game Delays:

1. Insert games in the scheduled field maintenance time slots.
2. Insert games before the first scheduled games of each day.
3. Insert games after the last scheduled games of each day.
4. Eliminate the Consolation Brackets.
5. Determine winners in the bottom half of the tournament bracket via coin toss.

NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball reserves the right to make additional adjustments as circumstances warrant.

Thank you for understanding!

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