

CAPITAL ADULT BASEBALL LEAGUE, LLC (CABL) WEATHER POLICY

Our agreement with the Umpire Union allows us to cancel the use of Umpires up to 3 hours before game time, without a financial impact to the league. If a game is not canceled within the permitted time frame, the umpires are contractually entitled to a half-fee. In the event that a game is canceled and a half-fee is due, league management will pay the umpires directly.

Should the decision to play not be determined 3 hours before the start of a game, a “game-time” decision must be made. If weather/field conditions are clearly impacting the area where the field is located, managers and league management may decide to cancel the game, so long as all parties agree. If weather is not clearly impacting the area where the field is located or there is uncertainty about field conditions managers and players are to assume the game is to be played and go to the field. Managers and players are encouraged to visit the field as soon as possible to evaluate conditions and communicate with league management. However, weather does not affect forfeit rules. i.e. a team that fails to show up to a game that is ***rained out at game-time*** still forfeits

If at game time there has been rain earlier in the day, we adhere to the following:

1. If there is standing water anywhere, that field is too wet to take play.
2. If when walking on the field, you leave a footprint impression either in the grass or the dirt, that field is too wet to take play.
3. If you get out early and the field is wet but you feel there is time for the field to dry with some work before game time, you can rake as needed in the dirt sections, but **NO DIRTY WATER IS TO BE TAKEN FROM BASEPATHS** - especially no dirty water is to be raked into the grass. Dirty water dries into mud, which then kills the grass. Water can be raked in such a way as to more evenly spread it out in the dirt so it will dry faster, but never take any mud off the field.

Fields in Fairfax County must be dressed after every game. Our goal is to leave every field in **BETTER** shape than we find it. After games we fill in all holes at home, on the mound, and at any bases. We also rake the infield dirt to leave it in good playing shape for the next use. Certain fields may have specific requirements, including the use of tarps, so be mindful of that and follow through. Do not leave any trash in the dugout!