

## **Inclement Weather Procedures**

1. The On-Site Director will be the primary contact for the coaches at the site. The On-Site Director can contact the PWYBA Tournament Director (Chris Porisch 612-567-9218) to determine how to proceed.
2. Umpires are instructed to suspend games at the first sign of visible lightning or hazardous weather, such as extreme winds or rain downpours. Upon suspension of a game, umpires need to document the inning, # of outs, count, bases occupied, line-up, etc. See MBT State Qualifier rules for lengths of official game.
3. In case of lightning, play should not resume for 30 minutes following the lightning or until the threat has clearly moved on. In the event of extreme weather, look for signs that provide instruction or officials who can provide guidance on where to seek shelter.
4. Teams are to remain within proximity of the playing field and not assume the game has been postponed or cancelled. Games will begin as soon as possible following such weather. A 10 minute warm-up should be allotted if more than 30 minutes has elapsed since play was stopped. Otherwise, only extended warm-up pitches and around the horn are permitted.
5. If there is a series of rain storms or hazardous weather, the On-Site Director will determine when fields will be ready for play. Games may need to be played throughout the day and/or late into the evening where necessary. Games could be rescheduled to early morning. Check the Official Board at the Tournament site. It is suggested that all teams plan to be ready to play at their scheduled times. If the games get backed up, some teams may only get 5 minutes to warm-up before being required to play.
6. Updates may also be provided via the Tournament website.
7. PWYBA reserves the right to change the format and structure of the Tournament in order to achieve its completion.
  - a. Examples:
    - i. Using completed games as seeding and going to single elimination
    - ii. Using pool standings and assigning teams to move forward
    - iii. Any format change that aids in the completion of the Tournament, such as shortened games
      1. Shorten times from 1:45 to 1:30 or 1:30 to 1:15
      2. From 7 innings to 5 innings and 6 innings to 4 innings
      3. Implement 8 run rule after 5 ½ or 4 ½ innings
      4. Start each batter with a 1-1 count
  - b. These decisions will be based upon the Tournaments current place in the overall schedule as well as field availability. PWYBA will make every attempt to get the schedule back on track in order to avoid having the Tournament exceed the allotted time.
8. In the case of an overnight or early morning rain, teams must show up at the fields unless it is clearly a safety risk. Teams will be asked to play within 5 minutes of their scheduled time if possible or as soon as fields are deemed playable.