

How to Handle Tournaments During Rain Delays.

- 1) Get games in when possible. Umpires can be briefed to gauge rain/safety with field conditions. If lightning occurs, postpone it for 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and get teams to safety.
- 2) Shorten times- 1:45 to 1:30, 1:30-1:15, or from 7 innings to 5 innings and 6 innings to 4 innings.
- 3) Have an 8 run rule after 5 innings and 4 innings instead of 10 run rule.
- 4) You can start each batter with a 1 ball & 1 strike count.
- 5) If there is a series of rains-The On-Site Host Director will have to determine when the fields will be ready for play. It is possible that games may need to be played throughout or late into the evening if possible or rescheduled very early in the mornings. It is suggested that all teams be available to play within their scheduled times. If the games get backed up some, please have a field crew ready at the completion of games and teams may only get 10 minutes to warm-up before being required to play.
- 6) Teams are to remain within proximity of the playing field and not assume the game has been postponed or canceled. Games should begin as soon as possible following such weather. A 10-minute warm-up time should be allotted if more than 30 minutes has elapsed since play was stopped.
- 7) Go to Bracket play- some might only get 2 games in so depending on what you have for your "Refund Policy" you might need give them a 1/3 of their entry fee back.