



## Lightning & Inclement Weather Policy

### SUSPENDING PLAY:

The Field Supervisor or Game Referee may determine that there is a danger of inclement weather, lightning, and/or thunder. At this time, all games on all fields at the complex shall be stopped.

- The Field Supervisor and Field Staff shall communicate with all fields that play is suspended.
- The scorekeeper shall inform the Referees, who will inform the coaches. The scorekeeper shall complete the Inclement Weather Form to assist the teams and referees when the game is resumed.
- Coaches and teams shall exit the field as quickly as possible.
- KCSD Officers or Field Staff shall guard or lock the gates to each field so teams can not enter the field for any reason until the weather has passed and the "all clear" has been given.

### WEATHER DELAY:

- Once play has been stopped due to lightning, thunder, or inclement weather, all players, coaches, and spectators shall be advised to seek shelter, preferably in their vehicles.
- Players and coaches shall remain off the field until 30 minutes following the last lightning strike seen or thunder heard. The last lightning/thunder will be determined by either a detection system or visually/audibly. The 30-minute delay begins again after each additional lightning/thunder.

### RETURN TO PLAY:

- Teams may re-enter the field once the "all clear" is given or the last 30-minute weather delay has expired. Teams will be given a 5 minute warm up after the delay has expired. For example, if the last lightning strike is seen at 6:17pm, the teams would re-enter the field at 6:47pm and the game could restart at 6:52pm.
- Games will be completed in the order scheduled. For example, the 6pm game will be completed before the 7pm.

### CANCELLATION OF GAMES:

If delays result in a later game time not being able to begin until after 8:40pm (or after 8:20pm for a 14u game), the game will be canceled for the night and rescheduled at a later date. For instance, if a 6pm game does not start until 6:45pm due to a lightning delay, then it would be assumed that the 7pm game would start at 7:45pm and the 8pm game would start at 8:45pm, thus the 8pm game would be canceled for the night and rescheduled.

### COMMUNICATION:

Official communication will be available on Twitter @knoxcountyparks, the Knox Co Gameline (865-215-4263) or with the staff at the weigh scales at the park where the game is scheduled.