

Cancellations

Cancellations will only be made in very extreme situations. Notification should be given ASAP and only rare exceptions will be accepted. You need to exhaust all avenues to fulfill your commitment. (Example: If your #1 and #2 pitcher throw too much that weekend, then you're going to have to use pitcher 3 and 4; the head coach can't be there, then the assistants or parents are going to have to cover; your catcher is out of town and took the gear, then you're going to have to use someone else and borrow some). **If there is cancellation and that game can not be made up or rescheduled the team that forced the cancellation shall repay the opposing teams fees for that game and pay the league \$50.00 cancellation fee.**

When cancellations occur call:

The Opposing Team

The Master Scheduler to change the master schedule and the umpire schedule

Copy an e-mail to Treasurer and the President.

Consistent problems with a team in this area will result in a dismissal from the league with no refunds given.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes can be made on a mutually agreeable basis. Meaning BOTH teams agree to reschedule a game already set in the master schedule. If a new location is needed and not available through the efforts of the teams involved, the Master Scheduler will need to be contacted to check available fields. BEFORE you contact the Master Scheduler, have two or three dates in mind.

If you have a field, please notify the Treasurer, Master Scheduler, of the changes ASAP. We need to keep the master schedule up to date throughout the year.

Rain Outs

For Ellis and Tait Cummins call 319-286-5700. For Hayes call 319-242-7377 for the latest rainout information. 1) Call the field manager (don't assume the game is cancelled), 2) E-mail the Master Scheduler pstumpires@gmail.com (not responsible to pay umpire if cancelled in advance due to weather). 3) Contact team members and 4) the opposing team. Once the game is in progress, the umpire determines playability. If lightning is present, the game must be suspended **immediately** (not one out or a ½ inning later). If game is suspended the umpires still get paid.

TO RESCHEDULE a game or double header that is rained out, get with the opposing coach to determine two or three possible make-up dates. E-mail the Master Scheduler pstumpires@gmail.com to see if there are any fields available. If a field is available and scheduled, the *coaches* are responsible for contacting and scheduling umpires for the makeup. They do not have to be the umpires scheduled for the original game(s). Refer to the Umpire Contact List for available personnel.

Suspended Games – Lightning

At any time, during any warm-ups or a game, if lightning is spotted by anyone, (players, parents, managers or umpires), play will immediately be suspended and all players shall leave the field. Players are not to sit in the dugouts or under nearby trees, but should go to the nearest shelter or automobile. Managers, coaches and parents are responsible for keeping the players in a safe area. That does not mean running around near the fields or in the parking lots. Have them get to safety and stay there until an all clear is given or the game is cancelled. Do not stay under trees. Return to the parking lots and stay in your automobiles.

Thirty-minute Rule – Once lightning has been recognized, it is recommended to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard. Given the average rates of thunderstorms travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count should reset the clock and another count should begin.

Flash to Bang – This method is used to assess how far away lightning is striking. It is determined by counting the number of seconds it takes to hear a clap of thunder after witnessing a flash of lightning. The number of seconds is then divided by five to get the distance, in miles, to the lightning flash. Generally a 30 second or less flash-to-bang count suggests removal of the athletes from the field to a safe shelter is advisable.