



BETHEL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS

Practices: Coaches will judge the field & weather conditions for practices. They will contact their teams.

Games: will be postponed or canceled only by the Bethel Recreation Association Director or Field Supervisor. We will update our home page of our website with any updates. If games have not been canceled by 8:00AM (Saturdays) or 4:00PM (weeknights) by the association, both teams must appear at the game site ready to play or the non-appearing team shall forfeit the game regardless of playing conditions due to weather or otherwise. The Adult Umpire or Field Supervisor shall be the sole judge as to the condition of the field of play. Games must be played as scheduled or forfeited.

Lightning Guidelines

Please follow these guidelines when thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen*.

1. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
2. Take shelter in a substantial building. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal vehicle/car.
3. **30-minute rule-** Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
4. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
5. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

* – At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.