



SOUTH OLDHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

Inclement Weather and Rain Cancellation Policy

Parents, please **DO NOT** call your coach/managers or go to the South Oldham Little League Concession Stand to ask if a game has been cancelled, you will be contacted as soon as a decision has been made.

Coaches, procedures are outlined within this policy on how to handle weather situations as they occur either prior to or once at a game location. Do not go to the Concession Stand to inquire if a game has been cancelled.

The South Oldham Little League policy for rainout has an emphasis on protecting the children and preserving our fields. The following is the protocol for cancelling games due to weather.

GAME CANCELLATION BY THE LEAGUE PRIOR TO START:

1. The President and designated representatives of the League have the ability to cancel games at all fields. If the fields will be damaged or the conditions are not safe for play, social media and an email/text will be sent out regarding the cancellation of games. If possible, South Oldham Little League normally will cancel practice and games by 3:30 p.m. the day of. However, situational cancellations may occur if weather, field conditions or other factors make it necessary for immediate notice.
 - a) Teams cannot utilize the fields for games or practices once cancellation notice has been issued. This includes all fields (infield and outfield), batting cages and common areas.
 - b) The leagues scheduler will be responsible for coordinating with the Managers make-ups of games as required.
 - c) Umpires who are assigned to these games:
 - If games are cancelled before the teams/umpires take the field, payment will not be made to the umpires scheduled on the fields.
 - If games are cancelled due to weather and the teams have taken the field/game has begun, the umpires will be paid for the game.

SEVERE WEATHER, LIGHTNING NOTIFICATION ONCE AT GAME LOCATION:

- 1) Every Manager is encouraged to download and use the Little League WeatherBug App that has a Spark Lightning indicator.
- 2) At the sound of thunder or detection of lightning within 10 miles of the field, umpires or coaches will immediately stop the game or practice. Once 20 minutes have passed without any lightning within 10 miles, coaches or umpires may resume play.
- 3) League Officials and umpires may use their discretion on whether or not to cancel the game.
- 4) These policies must be strictly enforced and followed at all times.



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Weather Alert when at the Fields:

When there is weather that affects play at the South Oldham Little League fields, such as lightning within 10 miles, the following horn alerts will be used, the following will occur:

- 1 horn: delay of game for 20 minutes
- 2 horns in quick succession: resume play
- 3 horns in quick succession: play has been called and teams should clear the fields

Tornado Sirens at South Oldham Little League Fields

- 1) When sirens are sounded and can be heard at South Oldham Little League, play and practice must immediately stop.
- 2) Players, families and others should immediately take shelter.
- 3) League Officials and umpires may use their discretion on whether or not to cancel the game.
- 4) These policies must be strictly enforced and followed at all times.

As always, parents have the right to act in the best interest of your child and are the ultimate judge of whether or not a child plays when we are experiencing an incidence of inclement weather.

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