

Kent Little League Game and Practice Inclement Weather and Cancellation Procedure

Purpose:

The safety and well-being of our players, coaches, and spectators are of paramount importance. This procedure outlines the expectations and process for assessing field conditions and making decisions regarding game and practice cancellations due to inclement weather.

1. Field Inspection During Inclement Weather:

- I. Coaches are required to conduct visual field inspection a minimum of 2 hours prior to the scheduled start time of a game and 45 minutes prior to a practice.
- II. At first glance, if field conditions are deemed unsafe: **Refer to Section 2**, to determine if conditions can be improved

2. Inclement Weather Actions:

- I. **Review Weather Forecast:** Monitor weather forecasts to determine likelihood that conditions will improve or worsen during the game/practice scheduled time:
 - I. If unfavorable, the game/practice shall be cancelled and rescheduled: **Refer to Section 4 & 5**
- II. **Remove Standing Water:** If standing water is present on the field, coaches must assess whether it can be removed within a reasonable timeframe.
 - I. If standing water cannot be effectively removed or the field remains waterlogged, the game/practice shall be cancelled and rescheduled. **Refer to Section 4 & 5**
- III. **Spot Application of Turface:** While Turface can help mitigate certain field issues, its effectiveness may be limited in extreme conditions. To minimize expenses, a maximum of (2) bags of Turface may be used to improve field conditions, particularly in areas with excessive moisture or mud.
 - I. If more are required, the game shall be cancelled and rescheduled. **Refer to Section 4 & 5**
 - II. **Turface should never be used for practices!**

3. Final Decision:

- I. Coaches have the final decision to play if conditions are favorable
- II. Once the game starts, the decision to keep playing is transferred to the umpires

4. Notification Process:

- I. The home team coach must notify all parties involved no less than 2-hours prior to game start
 - I. Both their team and the away team
 - II. Kent Little League scheduler and Umpire Director
- II. It is best practice to notify the interlock away coach when a field is playable while inclement weather has recently occurred since weather conditions can vary widely in this region.

5. Game Rescheduling Process:

- I. In the event of a game cancellation, the home team coach is responsible:
 - I. To coordinate with the away team coach and KLL scheduling for a makeup date, time and location
 - II. Efforts should be made to reschedule canceled games within 72 hours

Additional Note for Make up game rescheduling: *(This pertains to interlock games only)*

- I. In the event that an interlock home team is unable to locate a home field, the away KLL coach may coordinate with KLL scheduler to book a field and host the away home. When this occurs, the home team is still required to supply the umpires as if playing on their fields

Conclusion:

By adhering to these guidelines and exercising prudent judgment, we can ensure the safety of all participants during inclement weather. Effective communication and collaboration among coaches, teams, and league officials are essential for minimizing disruptions and facilitating the rescheduling process when necessary.