

# WEATHER POLICIES

## Thunderstorm & Lightning Safety

- Thunder or lightning, seek shelter immediately!
- If you hear thunder or see lightning, you can be struck by lightning!
- Go to a safe shelter immediately or move to a sturdy building or hardtop car. Do not take shelter in small sheds, dugouts, under trees or in convertible automobiles.
- Stay away from water, water fountains, metal bleachers, metal pipes and chain link fences.
- **PARK STAFF/PLAYGROUND OFFICIALS/UMPIRES HAVE THE FINAL SAY OVER CALLING GAMES AND SEEING THAT EVERYONE EVACUATES FIELDS UNTIL THE THREAT OF SEVERE WEATHER PASSES.**
- **GAMES MAY RESUME FOLLOWING A THREE (3) MINUTE WARM-UP PERIOD, NO SOONER THAN THIRTY (30) MINUTES AFTER THE LAST SIGHT OF LIGHTNING OR THE LAST SOUND OF THUNDER.**

## Outdoor Activity & Heat Safety

- Heat Index 95-104: mandatory water breaks every 30 minutes for 10 minutes in duration & monitor athletes.
- **Heat Index over 104: POSTPONE ACTIVITY UNTIL HEAT INDEX DROPS BELOW 104**
- **IF AFTER 30 MINUTES THE HEAT INDEX (IN THE SHADE) IS STILL OVER 104, THE GAME IS TO BE CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED, WITH ANY PREPARATION BEING MADE TO START THE NEXT GAME ON TIME.**
- **PARK STAFF/PLAYGROUND OFFICIALS/UMPIRES HAVE THE FINAL SAY OVER ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES**

**IF POLICIES ARE IGNORED, A LETTER OF REPRIMAND WILL BE SENT TO THE COACHES, UMPIRES & PLAYGROUND PRESIDENT(S) INVOLVED. ONE LETTER OF WARNING WILL BE SENT, SUSPENSION TO FOLLOW IF NEXT INCIDENT OCCURS. GAME FORFEITURE MAY RESULT FROM ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS.**