



Inclement Weather and Rain Cancellation Policy

Parents please DO NOT call your managers or go to the Keystone Little League Concession Stand to ask if a game has been cancelled due to rain, 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 Keystone 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, the weather line, social media and an email/text will be sent out regarding the cancellation of games. If possible, Keystone Little League normally will cancel practice and games by 4 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 (including the quads).
 - b. Games will automatically be rescheduled by the Keystone Little League Scheduler in coordination with Player Agents and Managers.
 - 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 should download and use the WeatherBug App that has a Spark Lightning indicator.
- 2) At the 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) Coaches 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.



Weather Alert Horn when at the Fields:

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

- 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

Sirens at Keystone Little League Field

- 1) When sirens are sounded and can be heard at Keystone Little League, play and practice must immediately **stop**.
- 2) Players, families and others should immediately take shelter.
- 3) Coaches 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.

GAME CANCELLATION BY MANAGERS PRIOR TO START, ONCE AT GAME LOCATION:

1. Managers for both team agree a game should not be played due to weather or field conditions. These reasons are at the Managers discretion and can include, but are not limited to cold temperatures, rain.
2. Managers will notify all players upon their arrival the game has been cancelled. They will notify the umpires upon arrival the game has been cancelled.
3. Home Team Manager is required to notify the Player Agent that the game was cancelled and reason.
4. Player Agents of each Division is responsible for coordinating with the Keystone Little League Scheduler and the Managers to make-up games as required.
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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.

Weather Line: 402-493-7766

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