



GIYRA Baseball and Softball

Lightning and Inclement Weather Policies and Game Cancellation Notices

SPECIAL NOTE: If GIYRA or other governing body or community cancels games for an area, GIYRA will attempt to send notification of the cancellation VIA TEXT. Text messages will be sent to mobile phone numbers of GIYRA Coaches and the primary and secondary account holders registered under your GIYRA Sports account. Always assume that the game is on unless you receive a notification from your Coach or GIYRA.

For the safety of our players, GIYRA Baseball and Softball mandates that participants play only on safe terrain, and only under safe conditions. Rain or other adverse weather conditions may create unsafe playing conditions. The following policies regarding safe play shall apply, and must be strictly enforced and followed at all times.

Lightning Policy

- Once lightning is observed, umpires or coaches should immediately stop the game, practice, or pre-game warmups. Only after 30 minutes have passed without any lightning, coaches or umpires may resume play.
- Coaches and umpires should use their best discretion on whether to cancel the game.
- If lightning is still present after the 30 minutes, the Coaches OR the Umpire may decide to cancel the game
- No one (players, coaches, etc.) should be holding any of the aluminum bats, or make contact or be near metal objects.
- Players and spectators are encouraged to take shelter in a car or other safe area.

Inclement Weather Policy

- Both Teams must report to the playing field unless directed otherwise by GIYRA, the home team Coach or Manager, or other governing bodies (police, fire, recreation department, etc.).
- T-Ball and 8U BB - Once at the fields, before the start of gameplay, both GIYRA Coaches shall make all decisions regarding the fitness of the playing field including but not limited to, the decision to postpone the game.
- BB 10U-HS and SB 8U-HS – Per SEBA rules, prior to the pre-game conference, the Home Coach or Manager shall make all decisions regarding the fitness of the playing field including but not limited to, the decision to postpone the game. After the pre-game conference, the plate umpires shall make such decisions. Between games of a double-header, the plate umpire of the first game shall make all such decisions up until the start of the second game.
- When the home team's local community authorities (police, fire, recreation department, etc.) have determined that the field is unfit, no manager or umpire shall require play on that field.
- Please reference the applicable GIYRA 8U BB or SEBA Rules for policies on suspended games and make-up games.

Game Cancellation Notices

The following policy pertains to HOME games scheduled on Grosse Ile fields.

- Cancellations due to weather typically occur on the day of the game.
- Rains earlier in the day, or on localized parts of the Island, do not necessarily mean games are off.
- If the weather is questionable, please be aware we will try to play games rather than postpone games, providing that the safety of the players is not jeopardized.
- Always assume that the game is on unless you receive a notification from your Coach or GIYRA.
- GIYRA BB/SB will do our best to make a decision regarding any game cancellations as early as possible during the day, and typically up to one (1) hour prior to the published game start time. After the one hour period prior to the game, any decision to postpone or cancel the game is the responsibility of the home team Coach.
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