

## **Central Saanich Little League Rain-out Rules**

For the safety of the young players, Little League rules mandate that participants play only on safe terrain. Rain may dampen the field, causing players to slip or fall and possibly injure themselves. The ultimate decision is to cancel a practice or game is up to the umpire or the coaches. The following rules/guidelines will be used when deciding whether to cancel a game due to rain.

### **Lightning**

In the unlikely event that anyone sees lightning or hears thunder, adults must immediately clear the field of all players until the lightning storm passes. Players should remain in the dugout if one is available. Coaches and umpires have the option of either continuing the game if lightning is not seen for a reasonable amount of time (usually about 30 minutes) or cancelling the game.

### **Wet Field**

Players may continue a practice or game during rain or wet conditions if the umpire, coaches or other Little League official have determined that the field is safe for play. Adults should inspect the paths between bases, the infield and the outfield for any unsafe locations. Deep puddles, slippery patches in the dirt or grass, and any other potentially unsafe surfaces should not be present on the field during play. If adults notice any unsafe area as a result of rain, even if the players do not frequently move across that specific area, the game should be paused until conditions improve or cancelled if conditions are unlikely to improve.

### **Notifying parents and players**

The weather can be very difficult to predict and it is sometimes different between even very short distances.

Practices and games will take place as scheduled and players will show up on time (regardless of weather) unless they have been notified of a cancellation.

If the Little League umpire or the coaches decide to cancel the practice or game, teams will meet next as per the schedule.

Please note: the concession will always be open (even when it's raining) as the staff and volunteers must show-up early to prepare for business. Once a practice or game is cancelled due to bad weather, feel free to stop by the concession and pick-up some snacks – it might be a good treat to help lift the spirits of players who are disappointed about the cancelled practice or game.

### **Make-up games**

The regular season will not be extended to make up any division, except as required by Little League Baseball rules. The season will end as scheduled. If games cannot be made up by then, they simply will not be played. We also reserve the right to modify this policy if circumstances dictate.