

Grimsby Amateur Baseball Association

Weather Policy

When in doubt assume the game will be played.

It is the responsibility of the Divisional Convenor to cancel **games** before 4:00 p.m. on the night of play due to inclement weather.

Parents and players will be notified by their coach and/or may check the grimsbybaseball.ca website.

After 4:00 p.m. it is in the opinion of the Umpire presiding over the game to cancel, delay, or suspend the game. When in doubt, it's best to show up to avoid forfeit situations.

As the baseball season is a prime time for thunderstorms, be aware of lightning and use the 30-30 Rule.

To determine the threat of lightning in your area the **30-30 Rule** is:

30 Seconds:

Count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. If this time is less than 30 seconds, lightning is still a potential threat. Seek shelter immediately.

30 Minutes:

After the last lightning flash, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. Half of all lightning deaths occur after the storm passes. Stay in a safe area until you are sure the threat has passed.

As a safety precaution, all activities must cease upon the first sound of thunder or sign of lightning. Activities may resume only after the thunder has stopped or after a 30 minute delay beyond the last sign of lightning. When in doubt, sit it out.

Games and practices can be rescheduled. Safety is paramount.

RESCHEDULING GAMES

Coaches shall work together in re-scheduling any postponed games.

The Home Team Coach is responsible for:

- Contacting the Umpire Scheduler to arrange Umpires
- And notifying the Convenor with the details of the re-scheduling arrangements

POLICY APPROVAL

This policy will be reviewed by the GABA Executive Committee annually.

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