

LAKE CITIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of lightning, guidelines by the NCAA and NSSL (National Severe Storms Laboratory) will be followed during games, practices, and any LCBA sanctioned event. The NCAA and NSSL strongly recommend terminating activity when the lightning is 6 miles away. There is a 70% chance that the next cloud-to-ground strike will occur in a circular area with a 6-mile radius from the previous strike. In accordance, with the above recommendation LCBA will follow the following policy, in the event of lightning. Please remember LCBA considers the safety of our children as the highest priority. LCBA officials will render a decision based on safety concerns and the information gathered on the weather conditions.

In the event of lightning the following will take place:

When using the lightning detector apply the 3-8 mile within range rule according to the unit's reading. If lightning is detected within the 3-8 mile range or closer all games will be suspended / postponed for 15 minutes, to allow LCBA Board officials time to access the situation.

After 15 minutes have elapsed, if any lightning strikes are detected within the 3 – 8 mile range or below on the detector, all games will either be suspended / or postponed, whichever applies. If at the end of 15 minutes, it is determined that the storm is moving away from the playing areas, and no 3 - 8 mile range or below strikes are detected, all games will resume.

During the 15 minutes evaluation time, teams will be removed from the playing field and / or dugout area. Teams may proceed to the concession stand area to await the decision of a LCBA Board official. If any team chooses not to wait the required time (15 minutes), then the result will be a forfeit of the suspended / postponed game. If both teams decide not to wait the required time, the game result will be a double forfeit.

In the event of a suspended game: It is the responsibility of the home team to note all aspects of play (i.e. runners on base, balls/strikes, outs, etc.) at the time the game is suspended. A suspended game when resumed, will resume from the exact point of suspension. In accordance with USSSA Rules all games that for any reason cannot be declared a regulation game will be a suspended game. Please refer to USSSA for definition of a regulation game. If any game is called due to rain, weather, light failure in the event of a night game, or other acts of God and cannot be resumed LCBA will follow the USSSA rules for a regulation game.

In accordance to LCBA Bylaws and Rules: a postponed game / make-up game will be defined as one that is to be rescheduled to be played in its entirety at a later date.