

## Weather Procedures for Augusta Sports Leagues

ASL administration will monitor weather each day. In the event that games are cancelled...

- Officiating Staff will be notified via slack as soon as decision is made
- Players/Teams will be notified by 4 pm on the day of play via facebook/twitter (/playaugusta)
- Or 2 hours prior to games start on weekends/corporate events
- IF YOU ARRIVE AT FIELDS, and they have been damaged due to scattered showers, contact ASL admin immediately.

If games continue as regularly scheduled, lead officials and/or coordinators are to use the following procedures:

- **LIGHTNING**
  - If lightning can be seen in the distance, the lead official is to bring both team captains together to get their input
    - If both team captains agree to continue play, play will resume
    - If only one or none of the team captains wishes to continue, game will be called (follow rules of play)
  - If lightning appears close or impending, games will be immediately cancelled, follow notification process
- **RAIN**
  - Light rain, continue play
  - Heavy Rain without lightning
    - Suspend game play for up to 15 minutes
    - Check weather radar and/or consult with ASL admin
    - If Heavy rain continues, discontinue play (follow rules of play)
      - WHY? Dangerous conditions for players or potential to damage fields that would require heavy repair (time and money)
    - If heavy rains looks to be scattered or passing through quickly, consult with ASL admin, we may delay game starts or just cancel one game and continue others

### CANCELLATION OF GAMES:

- If you stop play due to inclement weather, and must discontinue all games for that day of play
  - CONTACT ASL ADMIN THROUGH SLACK IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT INCLUDING REASONS
  - ASL ADMIN WILL POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA
  - ASL ADMIN WILL TEXT TEAM CAPTAINS, AS TIME ALLOWS
  - Depending on time of day, ASL may ask that you stick around fields for short time to notify players that may show up to field. Example: stop games at 715 before 730 game (wait to 730 to catch any players that may miss social media/text update)

### RULES OF PLAY

-if inclement weather causes you to stop a game before completion follow the below rules:

1. You must finish 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 1<sup>st</sup> half of game to call game complete\
  - a. Games measured in halves or quarters will be recorded "AS IS" once rule 1 is met.
  - b. If rule one is not met, record the current score, who had possession of ball (down/and position of ball on field) or who was at kick/bat (mark position on batting/kicking order) and number of outs
2. if you have finished 4,5,6 inning, you must have score from end of the inning not middle of next inning
  - a. example: home team is winning 6 to 5 after 4 innings, visitor scores 2 runs in top of 5th making it 7-6 then play is stopped due to foul weather. Official must go back and record score as if it was conclusion of 4<sup>th</sup> inning and not middle of 5<sup>th</sup> inning (please make detailed notes of 5<sup>th</sup> inning) as this will help us with team arguments/challenges