



Inclement Weather Policies

General Information

The RCC recognizes that Inclement Weather may temporarily prevent the availability and operations of softball play at Greenhill Park-Upper and Lower Bowl. As these situations, at times create difficult and dangerous conditions at the Park and this may interfere with game or practice operations. The RCC places the importance on maintaining stakeholder safety while continuing operations as much as possible.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Outline who responsibility it is for determining cancellations
- To provide a clear outline of how it will be communicated to the Membership
- To clarify the responsibilities of the Membership/Stakeholders

Inclement Weather- severe or harsh environmental conditions that can include: rainstorms, snowstorms, ice storms, hurricanes, tornados, flooding and or any unforeseen act of nature

The RCC President/RCC Executive Representative decision will be based on a variety of information sources including but not limited to:

- Weather Reports from Environment Canada
- Conditions of the Diamonds at Greenhill Park (infield and outfield) Upper and Lower
- Closing of/Field of Play Permits being suspended by the City of Hamilton

Every effort will be made to make a decision regarding cancellation of RCC –Youth Softball Operations due to inclement weather and communicate that decision to the RCC Membership as soon as possible through it's website and social media channels.

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Communications

Communications regarding Cancellations will be made as soon as possible following the decision of the RCC Executive:

- Email to RCC Coaches instructing them to contact their Team to inform them
- Announcement of the RCC Website
- E-mail broadcast on Mail-Chimp
- Posted one or all of the following: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram



Emergency Action Plan for Lightning Storms

- Lightning's behaviour is random and unpredictable. Preparedness and quick response is the best defense towards the lightning hazard
- At the first signs of lightning or thunder, leave the field. Go to your vehicle and take shelter there with the windows rolled up. ("If you can hear it (thunder), Clear It (suspend activities).")
- **AVOID** the rain and sun shelters and the dugout areas. These are not safe from lightning.
- **AVOID** going underneath trees. Trees "attract" lightning.
- **AVOID** going under umbrellas, or near electric power lines
- **AVOID** metal fences, gates, and tall light poles and power poles
- **AVOID** use of the telephone/cellphones
- **Wait 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before you leave shelter. Game officials will signal a resumption of activities**