

## **LTYA Rain Out Procedure**

Kirk Knussman (LTYA field maintenance) makes the call on LTYA field use at 3 PM on weekdays. He will call the office and the office will communicate to the sports and DJCT.

After 3 PM weekdays or on the weekend it's the sports call. The sport should have a Board Member on Duty &/or a directive to the coaches or refs/umpires to make the call for games in process or games about to start and a pre-established communication chain (ie; when games are called who gets notified and what happens next..website updated...if games are still on based on on-site verification who gets notified to send a message etc). LTYA Soccer will need to notify the designated DJCT contact.

If you see lightning or hear thunder then everyone must vacate the field and wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last visible lightning and sound of thunder before play can resume (in general the game/practice in progress should be called and status of later games determined at an appropriate time)

If you hear thunder or see lightning suspend your activity immediately and instruct everyone to get to a safe place. Substantial buildings provide the best protection. Once inside, stay off corded telephones and away from any wiring or plumbing. Avoid sheds, small or open shelters, dugouts, bleachers or grandstands. If a sturdy building is not nearby, a hard-topped metal vehicle with the windows closed should offer good protection.

For any LTISD fields, LTISD has asked that if it's wet at all that we stay off their fields. The sport will need to make the call on any LTISD field and err on the side of caution....If it's wet stay off. Same communication process applies. If you are practicing at Hudson Bend Middle School and the lightning detector goes off you must suspend your activity immediately, or not start if it's going off when you arrive, and wait until the all clear signal from the detector is heard.

In all cases, the sport is responsible for communicating with their players and updating their web page accordingly. Communication should be sport specific so please refer to your sport in communicating whether games/practices are on or

off. **NEVER JUST EMAIL THAT FOD IS CLOSED AS THIS CAUSES CONFUSION.** The rain out phone number will no longer be used. If there could be a question on game status the sport should proactively publish the field status; ie: if the fields are open but people may have a question as to whether games are on or not the sport should publish a message that games are on etc.

Generally the office will be there to help until 4 PM each day and able to help in any way possible.