

NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball Weather Procedure

In the event of lightning or heavy rain, NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball will ask participants to leave the McKnight Field Softball Complex and seek shelter.

In the event of a tornado warning, NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball will ask participants to leave the McKnight Field Softball Complex and seek shelter at the Triple Crown Batting Cages adjacent to the complex.

In the event of extreme heat, NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball will operate in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) guidelines for participation in sports activities as it relates to following heat indexes:

- i **65-80:** No Special measures required.
- i **81-99:** Coaches and parents will be required to take extra steps to keep the athletes hydrated and cool. Bring extra water and a cooler with rags soaked in ice.
- i **100-104:** All tournament games become game-time decisions, Pony and Filly league games will be suspended until the heat index drops below 100 degrees, Minor, Junior, and Senior League games will be suspended until the heat index drops below 100 degrees or after 7:00P which occurs first, athletes will only be allowed to play catcher for two consecutive innings, unlimited pinch runners will be allowed at any base, and athletes will be encouraged to sit or stand in the shade available around the bench area. Tournament Game Adjustments will be enacted.
- i **105+:** All games suspended until the heat index returns to acceptable levels. Tournament Bracket Adjustments will be enacted.

Interruptions causing the evacuation of the McKnight Field Complex or the suspension of play will result in minimum delay of one-half hour. Tournament officials will contact the coaches to relay decisions regarding the continuation of play. Suspended games will be resumed under the conditions that prevailed **prior** to the interruption that caused the suspension. Failure to appear or take the field for your designated tournament game will result in forfeiture.

Tournament Game Adjustments Resulting from Excessive Game Delays:

1. Straight 3-2 count with no courtesy
2. 5 innings Maximum
3. 5 minutes will be allowed for the athletes to take the field between innings

Tournament Bracket Adjustments Resulting from Excessive Game Delays:

1. Insert games in the scheduled field maintenance time slots.
2. Insert games before the first scheduled games of each day.
3. Insert games after the last scheduled games of each day.
4. Eliminate the Consolation Brackets.
5. Determine winners in the bottom half of the tournament bracket via coin toss.

NSPAA Slow Pitch Softball reserves the right to make additional adjustments as circumstances warrant.