



Dundas Little League

Established 1954

Policy name: Cancellation Policy

Date approved: March 2022

Purpose: To deliver our programs to the best of our abilities, both as advertised and paid for, while ensuring the safety of our players and families.

POLICY

The league will communicate any changes to the league schedule to the coaches, and the coaches should always communicate changes to the Convenor and/or League Executive.

Coaches should establish with their team how they will communicate changes so their families are aware prior to travelling to the park.

Games and practices are equally important. The reasons why a game or practice may be cancelled are:

- 1) Weather.
- 2) Coaches and/or players are not available.

Weather

Thunder and Lightning:

- At the first sign of thunder or lightning, all Little League events cannot begin or must cease immediately, and everyone must take shelter.
- Please see <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm> for information on safe versus unsafe shelter.
- Only after a full 30 minutes from the last confirmation of thunderstorm activity, can the game or practice commence or continue. The clock restarts at 30 minutes each time.

For games:

- In the event of poor field conditions, heavy rain, a continued threat of thunderstorms, or a projected humidex over 40 **at game time**, the division Convenor or other League official will contact the Head Coaches at least 60 minutes before game time to advise of the postponement.
- The Head Coach will then contact their players.
- A notification will be posted to our website as quickly as possible.
- In the absence of any information, please do not contact the league and please assume all games are on and proceed to the park.
- If games are postponed, Coaches can reschedule them in consultation with the Convenor.

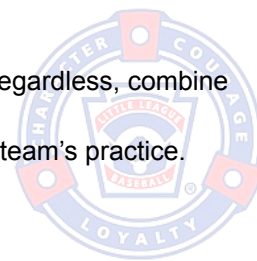
For practices:

- The Coach will make the determination following the policies outlined above and contact their players.

Coaches and/or Players are not available

If every coach on a team is unavailable to run or coach their scheduled practice or game, or if a team is missing several players for a practice or game, coaches are expected to exercise the following options:

- 1) Ask the parents to help out - MUST HAVE PAPERWORK IN
- 2) Ask the league for assistance.
- 3) Make every effort to reschedule so the team doesn't miss their scheduled event.
- 4) If it's a game, make use of Call-ups. If still short players, the game is forfeited (playoffs only) but regardless, combine teams and play anyway.
- 5) Ask a coach on another team for help. Get creative! For example, have your players join another team's practice.



- 6) Run the practice even if just a few players are available; it is still worth it!
- 7) Cancel only as a last resort.