

IV. Weather Related Situations

- Spring in Indiana can bring with it an array of different challenges for the organization.
- If the temperature is below 40 degrees, we would prefer no one be on the playing fields without prior permission for Tim Miller –Director of Grounds Management.
- Decisions regarding playing conditions of the field will be made by the Grounds team.
- Their decision is final and will be followed by all coaches and Board Members.
- When deemed that fields are unplayable, a text message will be sent out by the Grounds team to notify all the Board Members and any coaches scheduled to play home games that day.
- Every effort will be made to make that decision early in the day, but sometimes last minute decisions are unavoidable.
- Once a game has started, the umpire will be responsible for making the decision on playing conditions and when/if a game needs to be stopped or postponed.
- Player safety is of the utmost importance and should not be jeopardized for the sake of completing a game.
- If lightning is spotted, everyone should be directed to their vehicles until further notice.
- It is the responsibility of the umpire to make the determination when the game will continue or if it should be postponed.
- When lightning is spotted, a minimum of 30 minutes, from the last sighting, must be observed before play can resume.
- In the event that a storm approaches quicker than anticipated, or is more severe than expected, everyone should be directed to their vehicles immediately.
- If the storm arrives in a manner that does not allow time for people to get to their vehicles, the restrooms, pavilion area, and concession building can be used for shelter.
- These are not intended to be storm shelters and should not be considered as a viable option in the event of a tornado situation.

V. Other Potential Emergencies

A. Spectator Disturbance

- Should there be an incident where a visitor/parent/fan at the park becomes unruly, belligerent, or verbally abusive toward others, they will be asked to leave the property immediately.
- If a Board Member is on premise, they should be notified immediately and will be responsible for the situation.
- If no Board Member is present, a Kimmell Volunteer will be responsible for handling the situation.
- All efforts should be made to have the individual leave without further confrontation, but if they are not willing to cooperate, the Police should be notified and asked to remove the person from the property.
- At no time, should other fans become involved in a physical altercation with the individual unless safety concerns for others are present.
- Any time an individual is involved in a disturbance at the park, the Board will convene an emergency meeting to review the situation and determine if the person will be allowed back in the park, or if a Restraining Order will be sought.

B. Power Outage

- In the event of an outage of power to the park, practice/games may continue as scheduled, but no concessions or scoreboards will be available.
- If the outage causes concerns regarding safety, a text will be sent out to all Coaches/Board Members notifying them of the situation and cancellations that are necessary/

C. Railroad Emergency

- With the close proximity of a railroad tracks to our playing fields, a small risk exists that a railroad related emergency could impact our facilities.
- In the event of a railroad emergency/situation, the Board will communicate with local & railroad emergency personnel in order to make an appropriate decision regarding park activities.
- Text notifications will be sent to Coaches regarding decisions.

D. Road Closure

- Should road closures impact traffic flow and/or access to the park, the Board will make decisions regarding park activities as appropriate.
- Text notifications will be sent to Coaches regarding decisions.

E. Non Park Situations

- Events in the community can sometimes have an impact on park activities.
- Any situation that may jeopardize the safety of those at the park will be evaluated by the Board and communicated to the appropriate volunteers regarding activities for the day.
- Text notifications will be sent to all volunteers regarding decisions.

IF THE EMERGENCY HORN SOUNDS, ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES ARE TO LEAVE THE FIELD IMMEDIATELY AND MAKE THEIR WAY FOR SHELTER.