



Weather Policy

Kingsport Parks & Recreation tries to determine all cancellations by 4:00pm during the week; however, some calls must be made at the fields/gyms. Always call the Hotline Number at (423)200-3205 and enter 50# after the automated message answers if you are unsure.

INFORMATION FOR COACHES & PARENTS

- If the cancellation is made before 5:30pm, all coaches and parents will be informed via text and/or email. There are some parents that opt out of the text and email alerts, therefore, please be sure to set up a phone tree to reach out to your players and let them know about the cancellation.
- If a game is cancelled due to weather, facility issues or other unexpected problems, Kingsport Parks & Recreation will make every effort possible to reschedule this missed game.

If a practice is cancelled due to weather, facility issues or other unexpected problems, Kingsport Parks & Recreation will not reschedule this missed practice. Although, based on gym/field availability, there will be opportunities to schedule additional practices throughout the season.

SEVERE STORMS:

Severe storms can produce high winds, heavy rain/snow, hail, lightning, thunder and/or tornados. If a severe storm approaches the playing area/facility, the safety of the players is the number one priority of Kingsport Parks & Recreation staff and coaches.

LIGHTNING AND THUNDER (Baseball & Softball):

Lightning is the second leading cause of storm-related deaths (flooding is first). The danger from lightning can persist for 20-30 minutes or more after a thunderstorm has passed. If a person can hear thunder, or see lightning, the danger is already present.

Coaches & Kingsport Parks & Recreation staff should adhere to the following:

- Games or practices will be suspended if lightning is detected within 10 miles, lightning is seen, or thunder is heard. In this case, everyone should immediately seek shelter.
- The Kingsport Parks & Recreation recommends that participants seek immediate shelter in their vehicles or a designated safe place, if there is one nearby. Smaller, open structures, tents, trees, isolated areas, etc, should be avoided. Cars, with windows rolled up, can provide good shelter. Avoid contact with metal or other conducting materials to the outside surfaces. Do not stay in open, unprotected areas.
- All games in progress that have been suspended due to weather will be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of Kingsport Parks & Recreation. Any following games will start, at the earliest, 30 minutes after the last lightning strike has been seen, heard, or detected.