



INTERLAKES YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of lightning, the guidelines below will be followed. The home plate umpire will be in charge deciding to stop play, remove individuals from the field, and announce warning to the spectators and players to take shelter. All participants and spectators will be encouraged to take shelter in their vehicles or an enclosed building until storm has passed or decision to suspend game has been made.

Suspension and Resumption of Games

Games must be suspended when lightning is a maximum of six miles away. If thunder can be heard within 30 seconds of any lightning strike, play must be suspended until more than 30 seconds can be timed between any lightning flash and subsequent thunder. A clear sky or lack of rainfall are not adequate indicators for resuming play. The home plate umpire will keep track of time of lightning flashes and make decision when it is safe to resume game or cancel.

NO LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES CAN GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SAFETY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PERSON TO BE AWARE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE SAFE. USE COMMON SENSE AND GOOD JUDGEMENT. PLAN AHEAD AND MAKE SAFETY YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.