



Livingston Recreation Department

Tee Ball / Coach Pitch -- Inclement Weather information

For the safety and enjoyment of the young players, our rules mandate that participants play only on safe terrain. Rain may dampen the field, causing players to slip or fall and possibly injure themselves. The ultimate decision to cancel a practice or game is up to the Parks & Recreation staff or the coaches. The following rules/guidelines will be used when deciding whether to cancel a game due to rain.

Lightning and Youth Sports

The strictest rules in outdoor youth sports is related to Lightning. If anyone sees lightning or hears thunder, adults must immediately clear the field of ALL PLAYERS & spectators until the lightning storm passes. Players should remain in an enclosed space (vehicle, dugout or building). Coaches and Recreation Staff have the option to either continue the game/practice if lightning is not seen for a reasonable amount of time (30 minutes after last strike or thunder is heard) – or canceling the game.

Playing on a Wet Field

Players may continue a game during rain or wet conditions if the Parks & Recreation Staff or coaches have determined that the field is safe for play. Adults should inspect the paths between bases, the infield and the outfield for any unsafe locations. Deep puddles, slippery patches in the dirt or grass, and any other potentially unsafe surfaces should not be present on the field during play. If adults notice any unsafe area as a result of rain, even if the players do not frequently move across that specific area, the game should be paused until conditions improve or canceled if conditions are unlikely to improve.

Notifying parents & players

The weather can be very difficult to predict and it is sometimes different between even very short distances and times.

Practices and games will take place as scheduled and players are asked to show up on time (regardless of weather) unless they have been notified of a cancellation.

Please communicate directly with your coach as they will receive first notice from Livingston Recreation Department regarding league-wide cancellations or if they choose to cancel

Additionally cancellations may occur at the program site if the weather changes for the worst and the program is unable to carry-on.

Results of a Rainout

Coaches and Parks & Recreation Staff will do their best to reschedule a canceled practice or game. We ask for an understanding that youth sports in Montana can be difficult to accomplish all scheduled events.