



# Parks and Recreation Department

## WEATHER ISSUES AND POLICIES

### Weather Situations

- City of Othello Parks & Recreation office staff will be accessible on game day to assist you with potential weather situations. Games will often be cancelled at the field due to current weather conditions, and we will work with you to determine whether to cancel games for just the hour or the rest of the day.

### Extreme Weather Cancellations

- Extreme Heat: If the Heat Index is between 95-104 degrees, pre-game practices should be cancelled to limit the number of times kids have to be outside. If the heat is above 104 degrees, all games should be cancelled.
- Extreme Rain/Wind: If excessive rain or wind is present, games may be cancelled.
- Temperatures below 40 degrees AND AGGRESSIVE rain: If rain is present and temperatures are below 40 degrees, games may be cancelled.

### When a Postponement or Cancellation Occurs

After communication with your Office Staff Member, and a postponement or cancellation has been determined to be the best option, two steps will then be taken by the coordinator.

- Text Message on Team Reach: All Coaches in your league will receive a text message alerting them of the postponement or cancellation. Coaches are required to relay the message to their athletes' parents.
- Website: The City of Othello Parks & Recreation weather tab will be updated on the website to reflect all communities that have been cancelled. It will be posted on City Of Othello's Instagram and Facebook media pages

**A postponement or cancellation cannot occur until the City of Othello Parks & Recreation has made the decision and relayed that information to the Coaches and social media outlets.**

### **How to Handle Extreme Weather and Delays – Scenario and Solution**

**Extreme Weather Prior to Game Time** – An immediate call should be made by the Game Day Representative to the Office Staff Member in charge to report conditions and determine further actions.

**Thunder/Lightning Prior to Game Time** – Should thunder/lightning or extreme weather occur prior to the start of the game, a 30-minute delay will go into effect. If thunder/lightning or extreme weather become present during that 30-minute delay, the games scheduled for that hour will be cancelled.

**First 15 Minutes of Game Time** – Should thunder/lightning or extreme weather occur during the first 15 minutes of a game, a 30-minute delay will go into effect. If thunder/lightning or extreme weather conditions do not appear during that 30-minute delay, the game may continue as scheduled. If thunder/lightning or extreme weather conditions do appear during the initial 30-minute delay, the games during that hour will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

**After 15 Minutes of Game Time** – Should thunder/lightning or extreme weather conditions occur during the 30-minute delay, all games scheduled for that hour will be cancelled and rescheduled later during the season.

**Halftime Through Remainder of Game** – Should thunder/lightning or extreme weather occur either at halftime or at any point after during that game, all games will be stopped and considered complete. The final result is determined by the game score at the time it was stopped due to the weather. These games will not be rescheduled and are considered final.