

**Unless our diamonds are “closed” by the City, our policy remains that, if there's an opportunity to play (weather wise), participants should report to the diamond for their games as scheduled.** That way the decision can be based on actual weather and field conditions. That said, we can all eliminate a lot of the uncertainty by being aware of the following and working together to ensure ALL participants are aware of any pre-game decisions.

IF we receive official notification to cancel or if the rain/snow is unlikely to break to allow us to enjoy playing, **we will try and update the "game day" notice on the main page of our [www.stanleyparkoptimist.com](http://www.stanleyparkoptimist.com) website and use the site's communications tools to advise everyone ASAP.** We will try and post any cancellation notice so as to leave teams enough time to ensure all players are aware of the change. Note: once a team representative has been contacted it is expected that the message will be relayed to the rest of the team. Each team needs to have a “communications” network. Please adjust your computer to accept Emails (and texts?) from us. A notice to "cancel" initiated by us means that there'll be no umpires assigned to the affected game(s).

**Coaches of each team have contact information for the coaching staffs of the other teams in their league so they may co-ordinate any playing decisions.** We will also try and use this list to notify the coaching staffs of any advance cancellations by the league coordinators and, again, we rely on those receiving such an Email to relay the message to others on their team quickly. The coaches, especially in Blastball and Junior Leagues, may wish to contact the opposing team's coach to confirm "game ON/OFF" even if we aren't canceling....(Reminder, **we don't like to do mass cancels ahead of time.**) IF two such teams agree that their teams are going to be notified that their game has been cancelled by mutual agreement, then ALL players on both team have to be notified and us as well so we can (a) post your game decision on the website, (b) notify umpire(s) and/or officials assigned to the game, and (c) request the cancellation of the permit for that game.

*We know that the younger the players are, the more apt they are to be kept away if the weather is bad or forecast to be bad. That doesn't mean the whole team has to cancel out early if there's a chance the weather could improve by game time. Play with those available to play!*

**... and, more for Senior T Ball and 3 Pitch but Junior T Ball should do this as well: usually the decision whether to play or not is made at the diamond at game time (with the umpires) by the coaching staffs of both teams.** (Maybe there has to be a 10 or even 20 minute delay to get the field in safe and playable condition.) **Lighting means terminate play immediately and clear the field!**

**PLEASE: Any "no play" decisions made ahead of time between the teams have to be relayed to us so we can un-book the umpires and the diamonds.** The umpires are instructed to go to the diamonds unless notified not to.

Once at the diamond, sometimes one team may have only 6 or so players and the other maybe even 4 and only the coach of one team...if those there want to play - PLAY...round robin, parents in field, practice! **Don't let those who chose not to show up dictate that those who want to play can't.** Coaches can also arrange a "friendly" make-up game with the other team for a later date - just remember to let us know if you want umpire(s) - and try and give about a week's notice - so we can book a diamond and umpire(s). (Umpires at the game could be booked on the spot if agreeable to the rescheduled time and date.)

Summary ....we hate calling off games when the weather is IFFY...especially 3 hours before game time because it may clear up ...so we need to wait - maybe longer than you want us to!

**Please play when you can with who you've got and... Have FUN!**