



## SOFTBALL WEATHER SAFETY RULE and POLICY

### **⚡ THUNDER ROARS = GO INDOORS ⚡**

If you hear thunder at any time, STOP play immediately.

- **GET TO SAFE SHELTER**

Go to a permanent building or a vehicle with a hard roof and windows closed.  
Dugouts are NOT safe.

- **WAIT BEFORE RETURNING**

Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.  
If thunder is heard again, restart the 30-minute clock.

- **WHO DECIDES?**

Umpires and officials determine when play stops and resumes.

**REMEMBER-** Hear thunder → STOP | Find shelter | Wait 30 minutes

Tiger Hills supports the home team's decision to call a game off due to the following;

- unplayable diamond conditions
- severe weather
- upcoming severe weather

Prior to the game, the home team has a responsibility to ensure diamonds are safe and ready to be played on prior to away teams starting to travel. A 2-hour minimum courtesy cancellation will be needed to cancel games due to the above conditions. Cancelling prior to 2 hours before a game is of course acceptable and appreciated. With respect to all teams in Tiger Hills, managers will work together to ensure play should or should not resume.

In the event that the home team does not follow the guidelines of this policy they will be subject to forfeit.

Forfeit does not apply to games that have started and are called off due to impromptu severe weather. 3 full innings played constitutes a game in the event of severe weather.

Games can be postponed due to conditions being too cold. Softball MB/Canada strongly discourages using bats in under 10 degree weather. Softballs harden in the cold and can cause damage to a bat when hit. This can void a warranty. This will be left to the discretion of the teams playing while following the 2 hour cancellation rule.