

CHPBA Rainout Policy

Purpose of Policy

CHPBA is committed to providing managers, coaches, players, and their families with information regarding any potential rainout as quickly as possible, for games, practices or other CHPBA events.

CHPBA will make every effort to avoid cancelling or rescheduling games, practices or other CHPBA events due to weather. However, the primary reason for such cancellations will always be the safety of players, managers, and coaches. Secondary considerations include the need for families to receive timely notification of a rainout, the likelihood of rain, the amount of rain expected, the potential damage to the fields of play proceeds, and the cost to the league in materials and salaries if the rainout decision is delayed.

Chain of Communication for Decision to Cancel CHPBA Events Due to Rain

In most circumstances, the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center will make the decision unilaterally whether the fields are closed on any given day. However, there may be circumstances in which CHPBA works collaboratively with the Recreation Center to postpone that decision until it becomes clearer whether field closure is necessary. If the Recreation Center decides to close the fields after collaboration with CHPBA, that decision is final.

There may also be circumstances in which the Recreation Center does not close the fields, but the CHPBA board determines that field closure is appropriate. That decision is made by the President, after consultation with the Executive Committee and the Field Committee chairperson. Once the decision is made by the President, that decision is final.

To avoid placing an undue burden on the Recreation Center or its employees due to multiple calls from different CHPBA representatives, it is the President's responsibility to communicate with the Recreation Center regarding field closures. The President may delegate that duty to a member of the Executive Committee and the Field Committee chairperson at his or her discretion.

Once the decision to cancel CHPBA events due to rain is made, the President or another member of the Executive Committee (if requested by the President) will communicate that decision as quickly as possible to all necessary people for weekday events **by no later than 1:00 p.m.** on the day of the event. For weekend events, that decision will be made as soon as it is reasonably determined that a cancellation is necessary. That may be the

night prior to the event, or the morning of the event. “Necessary people” includes the umpires, field preparation crew, and the division commissioners who will then promptly communicate the cancellation to the managers.

Timing and Communication of Rainouts to CHPBA Families

Whether a particular game, practice or other CHPBA event is rained out will be decided for weekday events, by no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Therefore, coaches, managers and families can expect to see information regarding a rainout **posted on the CHPBA website on or before 1:00 p.m.** on the day of the weekday event. For weekend events, that decision will be made as soon as it is reasonably determined that a cancellation is necessary. That may be the night prior to the event, or the morning of the event.

In addition, rainouts will be communicated to division commissioners for weekday events, by no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the weekday event. The division commissioners will then advise the managers in that division so they can advise their players and families of the schedule change.

For weekend events, that decision will be made as soon as it is reasonably determined that a cancellation is necessary. That may be the night prior to the event, or the morning of the event.

Cheviot players and families are encouraged to check the league website prior to emailing their managers regarding a potential rainout, as that information will be posted on the website and communicated by managers as quickly as it becomes available.