

Paul Bowers Memorial Lacrosse Tournament

Bad Weather Policy / Protocol

The tournament goes on rain or shine - We do not offer a rain date

For the safety of all players and attendees at the Paul Bowers Memorial Lacrosse Tournament, the following lightning policy will be in effect for the duration of the tournament:

- Bowers Leadership will determine appropriate stop/start calls based on weather conditions:
 - Decision will be communicated to the referee tent(s) leads using contact(s) listed in the Emergency Contact List.
 - Referee tent(s) lead(s) will then send group text to referees in order to communicate updates
 - Officials/referees will help communicate updates to players and coaches.
- Guidelines:
 - Call to suspend play will be made if the flash-to-bang count reaches 30 seconds or less, OR in the event of other severe weather.
 - All play will stop with the sound of 5 whistle blasts, as well as multiple horn blasts.
 - Coaches and players will be told to leave the field by the officials/referees.
 - Players should go directly to their designated team area as previously determined by the coach/team.
 - Coaches should also watch texts/emails in the event the remainder of the tournament needs to be cancelled.
 - Once activities are suspended, play will not resume until 20 minutes after the last flash of lightning is seen or the sound of thunder heard, OR as determined by Bowers Leadership.
 - Once call made to resume play, decision will be communicated to the referee tent(s) and then referees.
 - The “all clear” signal will be given with the sound of 5 whistle blasts, as well as multiple horn blasts.
 - Teams will be allowed 15 minutes to reconvene based on the current time.
 - **NOTE:** Play will resume in accordance with the time schedule, not from when the play was originally stopped.

Thank you for your cooperation.

~Somers Lacrosse Association and Bowers Committee