




All About the Weather



When thunder roars, GO INDOORS!

When thunder roars, the umpires will immediately suspend play. All game participants and spectators should seek shelter either indoors, or in their vehicles. The game shall remain suspended until at least 30 minutes has passed since the last sound of thunder.
NOTE: Every time thunder roars, the 30 minute clock resets!

Click the storm cloud below for more information on lightning safety and preparedness!



Managing Heat

Umpires should take precautions to avoid and prevent heat related injuries:

- Proper hydration before, during, and after your game(s)
- Drinking carbohydrate and electrolyte drinks
- Wear light & breathable clothing
- Take frequent breaks to drink water
- Take advantage of shaded areas, when possible
- Use sun protection
- Plan with your partner(s) to check in on each other during the game

Click the Baseball Canada logo for more information on avoiding and preventing heat related injuries!



Resuming Play



After play is suspended, the game cannot resume until a minimum 30 minutes have passed since the last sound of thunder. The umpires are responsible for tracking the 30 minute time limit and for determining when (or if) it is safe to resume play (based on weather or field conditions). Work with your partner(s) to make the best decision in your particular situation.

Safety



Safety is the number one consideration when discussing any weather related events. Whether managing through an active storm or deciding whether or not to resume play, umpires have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all participants. If you feel pressured, reach out to your local umpire in chief for support.

Field Conditions



Umpires are the sole judges of whether or not a field is safe for game action. The umpire crew should examine and evaluate the safety of the entire field, including the most critical areas: home plate, the pitchers mound, and the area around each base. Umpires should never feel pressured to make any decision - particularly those that impact safety.

