

Injury Response & Weather Safety (4.17.21)

CONTACTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FIRE OR POLICE

Should emergency medical services, fire rescue or the police be required, take these steps:

- **Designate someone at the scene to quickly call 9-1-1**, preferably from a cell phone near the injured person. If this is not possible, send someone else to make the call from the telephone in the concession stand. The person making the call should provide key information to the dispatcher, answer the dispatcher's questions, relay information as instructed by the dispatcher and stay on the line until the dispatcher hangs up.
 - *Key information includes the caller's name; the phone number they are calling from; the address, location & condition of the injured person; a description of what happened & a summary of what care is being given.*
 - **Continue to care for the victim until professional help arrives.**
 - **Appoint someone to go to the street and wait for the first responders**, flagging them down if necessary. This saves valuable time. Remember, every minute counts.
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INJURY TREATMENT & REPORTING

- **First-Aid:** If an injury occurs, stay calm & keep the injured person calm. Quickly seek out the most qualified individual to provide assistance - keeping others not helping away. The individual should provide care knowing their first aid limitations & seeking trained medical assistance as needed. If the injury is to a minor, notify their parent/guardian as soon as possible.
 - **Injury Reporting:** Any injury that causes a player, coach, umpire or spectator to receive medical attention and/or non-minor first aid must be reported to WMLL's Safety Officer, President or Executive Director within 48-hours of the incident.
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WEATHER SAFETY – RAIN, LIGHTNING & DARKNESS

All determinations of field, light, weather & other conditions that could affect player, spectator, umpire, coach or concession worker safety should be made together by the head coaches & umpires at each playing field unless a Board or ground crew member is present and has instructed the head coaches & umpires otherwise. **These determinations should always be made erring on the side of safety.**

- **Evaluating Field Conditions:** Be careful to not cause damage when making evaluations & stay off the infield as soon as you determine it is unplayable.
 - A field is unplayable when:
 - 1) There are puddles on the infield or it is muddy,
 - 2) Water seeps up/into your footprint when you put your full weight down in any areas that appear damp,
 - 3) Any area of the infield gives or is slippery or loose under foot when you plant your foot sideways & push off (like you are cutting to move laterally) or
 - 4) Other indicators suggest that the field is unsafe or prone to damage.
 - **Delaying Games Due to Rain, Lightning or Darkness:** If a field is not playable at game time but might be playable in a short period of time, the game will be delayed no more than fifteen minutes. The conditions will be checked after fifteen minutes and, if the field is still unplayable, the game will be canceled and rescheduled by the coordinator. If a delay occurs after a game has begun, the first fifteen minutes of the total delay time do not count as part of the game time limit.
 - **Lightning:** When lightning is visible, the game will be suspended for thirty minutes from the most recent strike and all coaches, players, spectators and umpires must take immediate shelter in the dugouts, near the concession stand or in private vehicles to ensure their safety.
 - **Calling Games Due to Rain, Lightning or Darkness:** When a game has been delayed for forty-five minutes, the game will be called.
 - A game called before the completion of one inning will be rescheduled as a new game.
 - A game called after 4 complete innings (3 and one-half innings if the home team is leading) will be considered a complete game except in the Junior & Senior Leagues. In those leagues, a game called after 5 complete innings (4 and one-half innings if the home team is leading) will be considered a complete game.
 - A game called after the completion of one inning and before it is an official completed contest will be considered a suspended game. A suspended game shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension. *Note: Prior to leaving the field, the coaches must record the line ups, score & all game details at the exact point at which play was stopped.*
 - **Immediate Cancellations:** These rules will not restrict the umpire or a Board or ground crew member present at the field from immediately canceling play in the interest of safety.
 - **When a Field is Unplayable:** Please replace the tarps, remove the bases & text 608/535-0001 to report that field conditions are unplayable so the weather hotline can be updated.
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