



CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL

A Division of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

MYB LIGHTNING PROCEDURE

Sever Weather

Severe weather refers to a host of potential dangers, including lightning storms, tornadoes, hail and heavy rains (which can cause injuries by creating sloppy field conditions).

Lightning is of special concern because it can develop quickly and cause great harm or even kill. For each 5 second count from a flash of lightning to the bang of thunder, lightning is one mile away. A flash – bang of ten seconds means lightning is two miles away.

Cal Ripken baseball as created a lightning rule that MYB incorporates into its program. At the first visible sign of lightning or the first sound of thunder all players, umpires, parents and coaches SHALL leave the field of play and sit in their vehicles. A waiting period of 30 minutes is observed from the first sign lightning or the first clap of thunder. If a second or third sign of lightning or clap thunder occurs the 30 minute waiting periods resets and starts from that point. Managers will take charge to make sure that all players, umpires, parents and coaches are situated in vehicles. MYB will strive to reschedule games as field space and times permit.

Completed Games

T-Ball and Rookies: There aren't any minimum innings played to constitute a complete game.

AA: One complete inning where the visiting and home teams have had their three outs at bat.

AAA: Two complete innings, or 1½ if the home team is ahead, or when the home team ties in 1st.

Majors: Four complete innings, or 3½ if the home team is ahead, or when the home team ties in 3rd.

Compliance

This is a Cal Ripken National ruling, any managers or coaches not complying with this lightning rule will be excused from their positions, in the MYB program, for the duration of the season.

Any questions please contact your Player Rep or any member of the MYB Board.

Thank you for your cooperation.