

Hampstead Lions Baseball and Softball Association, Inc.

Thunder and Lightning Policy

The HLBSA, Inc. follows the State guidelines in dealing with thunder/lightning. It is the responsibility of all coordinators, managers, coaches and umpires to follow this policy. It reads:

“If lightning is spotted or thunder is heard in the area, the game will be suspended immediately for 30 minutes. After that period, the umpire will decide if conditions are good enough to continue. Clock restarts on 30 minute period if above condition repeats”

Many people ignore thunder and look only for lightning. When there is thunder, lightning is in the area.

If the above occurs, the games stop and all fields are to be cleared and all participants and spectators sent to their vehicles for safety.- If one field calls the game for the above, then all other games are to stop.

Do not leave it up to the umpire to stop the game. Some are not aware of the rule, especially about the thunder. YOU are to inform the umpire of the rule and stop the game.

HLBSA coordinators, managers and coaches are ultimately responsible for the safety of YOUR child and his/her teammates.