

Lehi City Recreation Rain-Out Policy

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- Rain-outs are called when the condition of the playing fields become unplayable or dangerous and not just necessarily because of inclement weather. Weather from a previous day can cause fields to be unplayable.
- When inclement weather is present but the playing surfaces are still playable and not dangerous, games will be played. It is not unreasonable to expect games to be played during rain, snow, or cold as long as playing conditions are safe for that sport.
- Rain-outs will vary from sport-to-sport depending on the varying playing surfaces. For example, a baseball or softball game might be called long before a soccer or flag football game would be called because of the dirt infields versus the grass playing fields.
- The rain-out hotline will be updated no later than one hour prior to the start of the first game that day. The recreation sports staff will try to update the hotline as soon as bad weather is present even if games have not been cancelled. This way, patrons know we are watching the weather and they will know what time to call back for a final decision.
- Once we are inside of the one hour window prior to the start of the first game, the rain-out hotline will not be changed. Any decisions after that time will be made at the field, and patrons will need to go to the field to learn of any changes. It is possible to have a game rain out one hour, and then the fields become playable for the next hour. Games can also be cancelled after they start, if conditions get worse.
- If the rain-out hotline is updated, the sports staff will inform the front desk of the change.
- If games are cancelled at the fields, and the rain-out hotline is not updated because it is after the cut-off time, the Sports Staff will contact the front desk about the cancellation. Part of this communication will include whether games are cancelled for that hour or the rest of the night.

3 Different Messages that the Rain-Out Hotline will say:

1. If the Weather is Good and there appears to be no chance of games being cancelled:
 - a. The hotline will have a message that says, "Today is (say today's date). All games today will be played as scheduled. We only

update this message when cancelling games becomes a possibility.”

2. If the Weather is Questionable with the possibility of games being cancelled:
 - a. The hotline will have a message that says, “Today is (say today’s date). All games today will be played as scheduled. If fields become unplayable between now and (say the time one hour prior to the start of the first game), we will update this hotline. If games are cancelled after (say the time one hour prior to the start of the first game), this decision will be made down at the fields and will not be reflected on this hotline.”
3. If the Games are Cancelled due to unplayable conditions:
 - a. The hotline will have a message that says, “Today is (say today’s date). All games today are cancelled due unplayable conditions. You will be notified as to when the game will be rescheduled.”