

Before heading to the ball field, you'll want to be aware of the weather, and how conditions may change during the game. It is best to follow a trusted meteorologist locally and use apps as a tool at the field.

Because we live in West Texas, it is good to review the forecast the day before, so you know what to expect. Spring in West Texas can change from hour to hour and be a little wild!

Lightning

The umpire and/or field official(s) will rely on the lightening detector at the ballpark or an accredited smart phone app (WeatherBug or a lightning strike weather app).

Any Board member, Officer, Official or Manager may delay a game if lightening is detected. The following guidelines for lightning will be observed by District 38 officials:

- Lightning detected at eight (8) miles away will activate an automatic thirty (30) minute delay.
- Any reoccurrence of a lightning strike/detection during the delayed period will automatically re-set the time delay period.

At the first sign of lightning, seek shelter immediately! All players should immediately go to a safe place. Consider a sturdy building that has electrical and plumbing. Another option is a metal-topped vehicle. Note that structures such as dugouts, pavilions, sheds, and rain shelters are NOT SAFE during lightning.

Wind & Wind Gusts

Wind may alter the flight of the ball. A defensive player may be put in an unsafe position if trying to field a ball made erratic by high wind.

Under no circumstances should a game begin or continue if winds are sustained at 40mph or higher. This poses a threat to the safety of Little League Players.

For high wind less than 40mph sustained, please consider age division and use common sense while putting player safety first.

Other weather-related information may be found at

<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/make-a-check-of-the-local-weather-forecast-part-of-your-daily-routine/>