



## IMLAX Youth Lacrosse - Lightning and Weather Protocol

The safety of our players, coaches, referees, fans, and staff comes first. In the event of adverse weather or unplayable field conditions, IMLAX reserves the right to:

- Cancel games partially or entirely
- Reduce game times, eliminate halftime, or shorten time between games
- Finish games before inclement weather arrives
- Reschedule and/or relocate games

If there is a lightning strike within 10 miles of the facility, play will be suspended immediately and will not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike within 10 miles of the facility. Lightning delays are called by the officials. They will determine based on the rules when, and if, to proceed. **Their decisions are solely for the safety of the players, so please respect their judgment on these matters.**

How to proceed if there is a lightning delay:

### 1. Lightning delay during the 1st half of a game or before the game:

- Game will be delayed but play will resume starting with the second half – the second half may be shortened to avoid delaying the next game.
- If the same game is delayed a **second time**, the game becomes final with the score at the time of the delay as the final score. If a game becomes final and the score is tied, the end result is a tie.

### 2. If a game is delayed in the 2nd half:

- The game becomes final with the score at the time of the delay as the final score. If the score is tied, the end result is a tie.

If a lightning delay occurs during the prior game - **all subsequent games will automatically move to shortened halves until back on schedule. Shorten each half by 5 minutes.**

**NOTE:** The league reserves the right to modify the above protocol based on any specific game circumstances. The league also may make the final call on any game affected by weather delays.