



City of Saratoga Springs Weather Policy

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 the playing conditions are safe for that sport.

Games will be delayed or cancelled for the following reasons:

- Lightning strikes are within 10 miles.
- Winds in excess of 30 mph, that includes wind gusts exceeding 30 mph.
- Air quality exceeds 150 on the Air Quality Index
- When playing becomes a safety issue for participants.
- When field conditions will not support play.

Rain-outs will vary 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 4 pm on weekdays or 8 am on Saturdays when weather may be an issue.

Any decision after games have started 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.

3 Different Messages 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, "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 (today's date). At this time all games today will be played as scheduled. If fields become unplayable between now and game time we will update this hotline. When game time arrives the decision to cancel will be made at the field.
3. If the games are cancelled due to the unplayable conditions:
 - a. The hotline will have a message that says, "Today is (today's date). All games today are cancelled due to the unplayable conditions. You will be notified as to when the game will be rescheduled.

You will be informed of cancelations in the following ways:

1. The rain-out hotline will be updated.
2. Your coach will be emailed so they can in turn inform you.
3. In some situations the coach will be called so that they can call you.
4. At the field Site Supervisors will inform the coach's games are being called.

Rain-Out Hotline (801) 766-6509