

## **Clarification on LSSA Game Stoppage:**

**From time to time LSSA may have to delay games due to lightening, hail or heavy rains.**

- Please know that LSSA will do everything to protect our priceless members and spectators. Additionally, LSSA will not jeopardize the safety of our players by allowing games to resume on unsafe playing surfaces even after a storm passes through the area, so please be patient and expect delays during the day as storms pass by Legacy Park.
- For your safety, LSSA has purchased and does utilize professional lightening detection equipment. The equipment has the ability to detect lightening conditions up to 40-50 miles away. However; please note that predicting weather is not an exact science and unfortunately sometimes even the professionals get it wrong. With that said, LSSA will always lean on the cautious side with deciding to delay or cancel play.

**It is the responsibility of an on-duty Executive Board member to determine if play should be delayed.**

- If an Executive Board member is unavailable, it is the determination of the General Board member on-duty. In either case the board member shall communicate with the referee assigner or designee to ensure accurate information is being disseminated to all LSSA members and employees.

**If a decision is made to delay play...**

- **All members including spectators are encouraged to take shelter in their vehicles.**
- **All employees are encouraged to take shelter at either one of the concession stands or their vehicles, when possible.**
  - *Please Note: LSSA Board members cannot force spectators and members to leave the premise and go take cover from the weather in their cars, they can only encourage or recommend. However; in many cases those covered areas around the concession stand are needed for our younger (teenager employees/referees) whom do not drive. These employees need these areas to seek shelter from the lightening or rain, so please keep these areas as open and clear as possible for them.*

**The Warning System:**

- The warning system LSSA uses is **one long and constant blast from an air horn**, the blast should last a minimum of 2-3 seconds to ensure everyone can hear. If play is delayed, it will be for a period of no less than 20-minutes. If the responsible party determines that a longer delay is needed he/she may extend the delay by increments of 20-minutes.
- If two or more delays are warranted, the games in progress may be determined to be final scored. Games in the second half may be scored "completed games" and games that were still in the first half may be rescheduled.

**For immediate information during delays, please contact:**

- The LSSA informational line at (816) 545-4625.
- Competitive teams from outside LSSA are encouraged to call (913) 599-9959 and follow the prompts.

As always please use patience as during times of delays on-duty members are always reviewing storm data, checking field conditions and ensuring people are taking cover so the information line update may be delayed a couple minutes.

**The responsible party will issue an “ALL CLEAR” signal by blasting the air horn twice and updating the applicable phone lines.**