

responsible for policing these rules. Any violation should be reported to the Safety Officer and/or the League Board. The violation will be reviewed and the appropriate action will be taken.

Severe Weather Procedures

Also refer to the provided First Aid Outline

Lightning

The CL Park District has installed a “Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System”. This system utilizes the latest technology and will alert with a series of sirens prior to any lightning strikes. All teams will evacuate the fields **immediately** upon receiving a signal, and can resume play as soon as the system signals all is clear. Teams are not to assess the “all-clear” on their own. The “all-clear” signal **MUST BE SOUNDED** before anyone steps foot on the field! Players and parents **MUST** seek shelter in their vehicles and not loiter around the fields or concession stands. The system covers Lippold Park, West Beach, and Main Beach. All CLALL fields will be covered by the system, as the sirens will be audible from all fields. West and Lundahl Fields should receive notification via telephone from Lippold Park in case the siren from the satellite locations is not audible. Lightning detectors will also be located in the concession stands at these sites. Violations of these procedures will result in disciplinary action.

If lightning is spotted and the Thor Guard has not issued the warning, play must stop **immediately**. Players, coaches, and parents should seek shelter in their vehicles. The lightning must be clear for 30 minutes before play can resume.

At an alternate practice location where lightning detectors are not provided, managers and coaches are encouraged to be aware of the weather and related potential hazards. Should hazardous conditions exist, practice should be halted immediately.

Rain

During heavy or steady rain, play should be suspended or stopped to prevent injuries.

A light, steady rain or drizzle might present safety hazards such as slippery bases, wet bats, slick grass, and poor footing. The officials’ and managers’ discretion should be used to decide whether play should continue or be suspended. Once again, it is best to err on the conservative side.

Tornado

If a tornado siren sounds, play must be stopped immediately and all players, coaches, and spectators should locate shelter.

Heat

When the temperature or the heat index exceeds 90 degrees, extra caution must be taken:

- ✓ Players and coaches should drink fluids every inning.
- ✓ Coaches should limit a catcher’s playing time to 2 consecutive innings.
- ✓ Managers from each team should meet with the umpire and discuss taking a 5 minute break every 2 innings.
- ✓ If the sun is a factor, the coaches should install the dugout tarps to provide protection from the heat and sunrays.