

2022 WBA Coach Information

Responsibilities for Determining if a Game is Rained Out



Weather & IT Addendum

For games at Roemer Park, the Roemer Park staff will determine if the field is playable or whether a game needs to be canceled due to rain. If it does, the Roemer Staff will contact both coaches.

At all other parks, the Home Team coaches have the responsibility of checking the field approximately 90 minutes in advance of a game and making a decision as to whether or not the field is playable. If the weather is acceptable, but the field condition is the problem, coaches can use up to 3-4 bags of drying material in the equipment box to improve field conditions.

Please note: games can only be canceled due to weather/field conditions. It is not fair to the other team, players or umpires to cancel a game for personal reasons or convenience, and as such is not allowed under WBA policy. In the event that the game does need to be canceled, the home team coach should immediately communicate that decision to the opposing coach. The contact information for other coaches can be obtained via your Team Site.

Additionally, the Home Team coaches are responsible for notifying the umpires of the cancellation unless the game is at Roemer (in which case the Roemer staff will do that).

Coaches notify umpires of a canceled game by texting the following to (847) 920-6020:

- League name
- Field name (must be spelled correctly – Roemer Park, Elam Field or Pomona Field)
- Date and time of the game canceled

Finally, the Home Team coach should report the game as canceled via the website, as detailed in the instructions online in the Coaches Corner of the website under “How to Score a Game.”

How to Enter Game Scores, Rainouts, and Other Cancellations

In the WBA, Home Team coaches have the responsibility of logging the results of games played into the WBA website at <http://www.wilmettebaseball.org>. The process for so doing follows:

Immediately after each game, the WBA’s website will send an email to the home team coach. Open the email and you will be given a link to a page on the website where you enter the results of the game. You either enter the final score or if the game wasn’t played, mark it as such and give the reason (canceled or forfeit). Additionally, there will be a text box where you should write the names of all the umpires who were present.

If the game was rained out, the home and away coaches need to check the field availability on the WBA site under your league's schedule to reschedule the game. The two coaches should coordinate together and pick a time to reschedule and communicate the chosen time back to the WBA by emailing kgruner@wilmettebaseball.org. When alternate times are presented, they are given on a first come, first

served basis so quick replies are ideal. In some cases, when circumstances dictate, WBA may reschedule the game without getting the input from the coaches.

Lastly, in rare cases, you may be playing an away game against a team from outside the WBA. When that happens, there is no Wilmette home team. As such, you will not receive the email prompting you to score the game, but the Wilmette coach should email the results of the game to kgruner@wilmettebaseball.org and we will enter the results into the website for you.