



## AKBA Game/Practice Cancellation Procedures

### #1 Town Canceled Permits

From time to time during the season the Town (be it Aurora or King) will email the AKBA advising the Association of diamond closures (therefore permits are pulled). Normally these notifications are received around 4:00pm, which is a difficult time for our volunteers to communicate the message. If the diamond permits are not pulled by 5:00pm then follow step #2 or #3

The AKBA Executive team is committed to doing our best to communicate the information through our scheduling app as quickly as possible.

Both the [Town of Aurora](#) and the [Township of King](#) post closure notices on their respective website. On days with inclement weather people can check out the Town's website or social media accounts.

AKBA athletes & coaches are asked to respect the decision of the Town. If a user group is caught using a diamond when the permit has been pulled or when the user group does not have the permit, that user groups permits' may be in jeopardy.

### *Reasons for closures*

Diamond closures normally occur as a result of bad weather on the day of the cancellation, however from time to time, inclement weather from the previous day may affect the playability of a diamond for the following day. Therefore, there may be times the Town closes a diamond but the sun is shining and it feel like a perfect day for baseball.

## #2 Prior to arriving

House League games/practices - From time to time even though the Town does not pull the permits, the weather can be inclement enough that the AKBA (to ensure equality) decides to cancel all games and practices on a given day. This decision will be made by the VP of House League in consultation with other members of the Executive no later than 5:30pm and will be communicated through the Association's scheduling app. All athletes and coaches are to follow this directive and respect the decision of the Association.

Rep and Select games/practices - Because decisions for rep and select games need to be made earlier to avoid unnecessary travel of visiting teams, it is up to each individual team's Head Coach in consultation with the opposing team to make the call to cancel a game prior to arriving if the permits are not pulled.

## #3 Upon arrival

For all practices - it will be up to the Head Coach of each team to determine the quality of the diamond and the safety of the athletes when deciding to start or continue with a practice.

For all games - once the teams arrive, it will be up to the plate umpire (in consultation with the base umpire) to make the decision on if the game is playable or not. The athletes and coaches are to respect the umpire's decision and the umpire's decision is final, including the umpire's decision to have a weather delay due.

If a coach or parent has a concern with a decision, they are asked to address that concern after the fact with their Division Director (for HL decisions) or VP of Rep/Select (for rep and select decisions) directly and to not raise issue at the time of the incident or try to influence a decision. However, if a coach feels the welfare of the athletes are in jeopardy and the decision to pull the teams off the diamond is not made in good time, they are permitted to ask the umpire to reconsider.