



AKBA GAME/PRACTICE CANCELLATION POLICY

PERMITS CANCELLED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

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(s) may affect the playability of a diamond for the following day(s). Therefore, there may be times the Town closes a diamond, but the sun is shining, and it feels like a perfect day for baseball.

The applicable municipality (i.e. Town of Aurora or Township of King) will email the AKBA to advise of diamond closures and the cancellation of permits. Normally, these notifications are received around 4:00pm, which is a difficult time for our volunteers to communicate the message to all affected individuals.

The Board is committed to doing its best to communicate the information as quickly as possible.

The Town of Aurora posts closure notices its website and has a subscription for field related alerts. On days with inclement weather people can refer to the Town's website or social media accounts.

AKBA players and coaches are asked to respect the decision of the Towns. If a user group is caught using a diamond for which the permit has been pulled or when the user group does not have the permit, that user group's future permits may be in jeopardy. Any decisions made in this regard shall be made by the Board in its sole and unfettered discretion.

PERMITS NOT CANCELLED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

If the diamond permits are not pulled by 5:00pm then these guidelines should be followed:

Prior to Arriving

(a) 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 Board by no later than 5:30pm and will be communicated to all coaches. All players and coaches are to follow this directive and respect the decision of the Board.

(b) Competitive Games/Practices

Decisions for competitive games need to be made earlier to avoid unnecessary travel of visiting teams. Therefore, 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).

Upon Arrival

(a) Practices

It will be up to the Head Coach of each team to determine the quality of the diamond and the safety of the players when deciding to start or continue with a practice.

(b) Games

Once the teams arrive, it will be up to the plate umpire(s) to make the decision as to whether or not the game is playable. The players 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.

If a coach or parent has a concern with a decision, they are asked to address that concern after the fact with the VP House League or VP Competitive (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 players 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.