



FIELD CONDITIONS



GRAB THE REIGNS BEFORE IT POURS



BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS

- **Check the weather report**
 - Our website
 - Other (TV, radio, etc.)
- **Check the time for sundown**
- **Talk to the managers**
 - Play will continue until no longer safe
 - Make them aware of your perspective on field conditions
 - The manager has the jurisdiction to make the decision to start the game.
 - You have the jurisdiction once the game begins



KNOW THE SITUATION

- **Know the characteristics of the field**
 - Drainage
 - Condition of key areas
 - Baseball supply
- **Know what field amendments can be made (field dry, tarps, field product)**
- **Possible schedule issues**
- **Know the rules concerning a complete vs. suspended game**



STATE RULES- INTERRUPTED GAME

- **1.41** A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined (NF4-3-1), or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension subject to the rules of the game. Such game will be completed unless both coaches agree not to do so.



STATE RULES- INTERRUPTED GAME

- **1.42 A game which has gone five innings and is called while an inning is in progress and before it is completed and the following situation prevails shall be a suspended game:**

The visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or to take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead.



GAMESMANSHIP

- **Teams on different sides of the score will react in opposition to your call.**
 - Legal vs. illegal stalling
 - Substitutions, conferences, player reactions
- **Keep the game moving as though weather were not a factor**
- **You must rely and trust heavily in your own judgment in these situations**





GAME DECISIONS

- **Late in the game (5th inning and beyond)**
 - There must be enough daylight to allow for a team to accomplish the tie-ing or go-ahead runs.
 - If You do not feel that there is enough time, call the game immediately
- **Early in the game (prior to the 5th inning)**
 - Keep play going as long as is safe
 - Know the official time of sundown
 - Watch the players and their reactions to pitched, hit, and thrown balls
 - Can I see the pitched, hit, and thrown balls?