Rain Delays & Postponements

Pre-Game

Prior to the start of the game, only the school (coach), field rep or league president can decide whether to postpone or delay the start of the game due to the weather. The school (coach) and league president have final say.

Playoffs & Championship

The school and league president will make the final call in "the closing weeks of its championship season." This is to prevent managers (field reps) from taking advantage of the rule when a game must be played. The point is to make sure the championship is decided on the field.

During Play

As soon as the home team hands in its batting order, <u>the umpire-in-chief assumes control of</u> <u>the game</u>. From that point on, only he can call for a delay or a suspension due to weather conditions. An umpire can make that call as many times as necessary, so there are no limits to how many rain delays you can have in any one game.

Length of Delay

The game resumes as soon as the umpire determines the playing conditions are safe. If that doesn't happen, the umpire can call the game, but he does have to wait at least 30 minutes from the time play stopped. If there are multiple games on the field, no game can extend beyond 30 minutes into the next game. No game will be played beyond 3 hrs. 15 min. If the umpires agree to allow the game to proceed, any time used for field maintenance will be on the clock. Length of Playoff & Championship game delays will be determined by league and league alone.

Conduct after Decision

Any harassment of the league officials by anyone will not be tolerated. Approaching an official after a game in a hostile manner WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If a player or manager follows an official from the field to harass will be suspended. If the official is threatened in any way, that player or manager will be banned from the league. Please see Georgia Statute 16-5-23 in league documents.