

NTBSS HEAT INDEX PROTOCOL

A. In the event that the heat index (relative humidity/temperature) reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit, the Field Official shall make the decision to play shortened games after consulting with the managers and umpires. All rules of the game will still be in effect, but the game times will be shortened:

1. A time limit of 40 minutes shall be allotted prior to the start of the game. At the end of the 40 minute, the teams shall finish that inning and one final inning (open inning)

Note: The start of an inning is considered to be immediately after final out of previous inning. Not when a team takes their defensive position. For example the 4th inning ends and the time expires while teams are changing sides, the fifth inning has indeed started and teams will play that inning plus one more, the 6th inning shall be the open inning.

2. Four and half innings will be considered a completed game if the home team is ahead. If not, the game will be suspended and the Board will decide if the game will be completed at a later date.

To determine if the Heat Index surpasses 104 degrees, the Field Official will use the standard IOS Weather app.