



Town of Simsbury

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CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Safety Protocol for Youth Sports

1. If practice or games will be cancelled due to inclement weather, you will receive an email. If it will be moved that information will be included, and if it is to be rescheduled you will be contacted by email as soon as the information is available.

2. Thunder or lightning necessitates that all outdoor practices and competitions be suspended. When thunder is heard or when lightning is seen, the following procedures must be executed:

** Suspend play and direct participants to a shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).*

** Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.*

** After thunder and/or lightning has left the area, wait 20 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.*

3. You must complete the Emergency Card and return it to your child's coach. This will be vital in case there is an accident or emergency and you are not at the practice/game.

4. All children must come carrying their own insurance policies, as the Town's insurance does not cover program participants.

5. If the weather looks threatening, please do not leave your child at practice. Please remain so that if practice needs to be cancelled someone can take your child.

6. Please send your child each day with all required equipment and any required medical equipment that your child will need to play, such as inhalers and epi-pens.

7. Make sure to send your child to the program each day with plenty of fluids to keep them hydrated, especially on days that are hot and/or humid.

8. Only coaches and team administrators are allowed on the sidelines with the teams during games.