



## ELL Weather & Environmental Conditions Policy

Erindale Little League (ELL) works to minimize unnecessary travel due to weather; however, weather is unpredictable. Players, coaches, and umpires **must plan to attend scheduled games unless notified otherwise**. All pre-arrival cancellations will be communicated through **TeamSnap**.

It is always the responsibility of the parents or guardians to decide whether their child attends a sporting event. Attendance is entirely voluntary and at the discretion of the family.

### 1. Inclement Weather Procedures

#### 1.1 Before Arrival at the Field

- The **City of Mississauga** may revoke field permits **up to 4:00 p.m.** due to unsafe field conditions.
- If permits are revoked, **ELL will immediately notify participants** of cancellation.
- If permits remain active, ELL will continue monitoring conditions and may cancel **up to 30 minutes before game time**.
- Cancellations may be due to rain, unsafe field conditions, thunderstorms, extreme heat or smoke.
- **If no message is sent, all participants should attend as scheduled.**

#### 1.2 At the Field

- Umpires and Head Coaches may cancel or delay games if fields are unsafe or if thunder or lightning occurs. A decision may be made by either two Head Coaches, or by one Head Coach and one Umpire, provided there is mutual agreement.
- Conditions may vary by location.

#### 1.3 During the Game

- Head Coaches and Umpires will jointly assess safety and may stop play at any time. A decision may be made by either two Head Coaches, or by one Head Coach and one Umpire, provided there is mutual agreement.

### 2. Lightning & Thunder Safety

ELL follows **Environment Canada guidelines**.

#### 2.1 Seek shelter immediately if lightning is seen.

- Use a fully enclosed building or a metal-roofed vehicle.
- Players should go to their parent/guardian's vehicle.
- **Do not remain at the diamond.**



**2.2.** If thunder is heard, play may be suspended by a decision of either two Head Coaches or one Umpire. Once play is suspended, all activity must cease, and a minimum of 30 minutes must pass after the last occurrence of thunder before play may resume.

**2.3.** Wait **30 minutes** after the last lightning before resuming activity.

Coaches and Umpires should use **Environment Canada's Canadian Lightning Danger Map** to guide decisions.

### **3 Playing in the Heat**

Players must arrive **hydrated**, with sunscreen applied, and with sufficient water. Coaches and parents should monitor for signs of heat illness. If heat stroke is suspected, **call 911 immediately** and begin cooling.

#### **Heat Zones (Humidex / "Feels Like")**

##### **BLUE (10°C–26°C)**

- Normal play; hydration and sunscreen.

##### **GREEN (27°C–35°C)**

- Pre-hydration encouraged.
- Frequent hydration breaks and player rotation.

##### **YELLOW (36°C–38°C)**

- All games continue.
- Coaches are required to closely monitor all players, especially catchers and pitchers.
- Practices shortened at coach discretion.

##### **ORANGE (39°C–42°C)**

- **T-Ball cancelled.**
- Rookie, Minor and Major games continue.
- A decision to cancel a game may be made either by mutual agreement between the two Head Coaches or by the Head Umpire at game time.
- Coaches are required to closely monitor all players, especially catchers and pitchers.
- Recommended shortened practices for Rookie, Minor and Major.



### **RED (43°C+)**

- **All practices and games cancelled.**

*Note: Humidex may change throughout the day. Coaches should check conditions near game time. Parents/guardians ultimately decide participation based on their child's health and tolerance.*

## **4 Elevated Smoke Conditions (AQHI)**

Environment Canada's **Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)** will be used.

### **GREEN (1-6)**

- Normal play.

### **YELLOW (7-9)**

- All league games **may be cancelled** (notice up to 1 hour prior).
- A decision to cancel a game may be made either by mutual agreement between the two Head Coaches or by the Head Umpire at game time.
- Any player who is unable to attend a game for any reason must notify the coach directly as soon as possible. Please update your availability in TeamSnap and send the coach a private message through TeamSnap so that alternate player arrangements can be made.
- Coaches are required to closely monitor all players, especially catchers and pitchers.
- Shortened practices recommended.

### **RED (10+)**

- **All practices and games cancelled** (notice up to 1 hour prior).

**ELL will issue updates whenever cancellations are required due to extreme conditions.**