



Possibility of Rain. what should you do?

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If rain is predicted over the weekend including Friday night OR if it is drizzling during the early morning of match day OR it has rained heavily during the days before the match day thereby making the ground conditions potentially unplayable then, the following steps must be taken.

Step 1: The HOME Team captain should call his counterpart in the visiting team and the designated umpires **latest by 7 PM the day before the match day** and agree to

1.1 either re-schedule the match (If rescheduling is allowed and approved by Match Committee) OR

1.2 to reconnect by telephone on the morning of the match day, by **1.5 hrs before game start time** (e.g 8 AM for a 9:30 am match). The umpires and the visiting team must make themselves available for this call.

Note: In case there was a physical inspection done before call, It is highly recommended to collect enough pictures and videos of the ground conditions especially pitch, runup and outfield and share with captains and umpire

Step 2: If the decision to review the ground and playing conditions on the game day morning is made in the “Previous Night” call, the HOME team captain must **inspect** the ground for playability on or before **2.5 hrs before match start time** on the day of the match. It is highly recommended to collect enough pictures and videos of the ground conditions especially pitch, runup and outfield and share with captains and umpire.

Step 3: The Home team is expected to then contact (by phone no later than **1.5 hrs before match start** time) the visiting team captain and the umpires and provide information about the ground condition to the best of his knowledge to the other 2/3 parties. The umpires and the visiting team must make themselves available for this call. In this call a decision must be made to either

3.1 **Reschedule** the match for a later date: Home team Captain must update the score sheet as an abandoned match and Home Team captain sends an email to match secretary and ccing visiting team captain and umpire requesting a reschedule

3.2 **Play** the match: In which case all the parties must mutually agree. For delayed starts relevant standard NCCA rules will apply

3.3 **Come to the ground** for a mutual review: If this is decided, the involved parties must agree on a time to meet at the ground for a review. This mutual ground review must include both team captains and at least 1 umpire. If after the physical review, a decision is made to play the game, and If there is a delayed start standard NCCA rules will apply. If, however, a decision to reschedule is made at this time, then appropriate action should be initiated by the HOME team. If there is no mutual agreement between the two teams to either re-schedule/abandon or play the game, the umpire(s) will assess the ground and weather conditions and make a decision which will be binding and final on both teams.

General guidelines:

- The decision to play the game must be made with "Safety of the Players" as the first criteria and then based on the ability to complete the game and finally the quality of the game.
- All discussion must be done over phone so that there are no avenues for situations such as missing an e-mail etc. Later this need to be documented.
- Even after the above steps followed, if there were any issues be ready to forward sequence of events, Pictures/videos etc. with match secretary/committee
- If the 3 concerned parties are not accessible by telephone, then the match shall be assumed to start at the designated time and on the designated day.