Southwest Michigan Miracle League Weather Guidelines

Player safety and comfort are the highest priority for the Southwest Michigan Miracle League (SMML). A reality of playing outdoor sports in Michigan is the chance for the weather to impact our schedule. Below are SMML's policies for various weather situations.

Our goal is to provide a positive, and safe experience for both players and their family members.

We try to play all games as scheduled, and therefore most delay/cancellation decisions will be made at the field within one hour of posted game time.

Families will receive an email notification and the updates will be posted on the SMML <u>Facebook page</u>. If there are no notifications, assume we will be playing.

Games that get canceled due to weather will not be rescheduled. understand there can be frustration with the games being canceled due to the weather. Players, families, and volunteers are disappointed when there are rainouts. Please know that we put a lot of thought into making the decision to cancel games. *Our number one priority is the safety of the kids!!!*

Rain:

If it is currently raining one hour prior to the start of the game and rain is predicted to continue during game time, we will cancel the game.

If it is not raining at game time, we'll begin the game and proceed with care as we monitor the forecast. If it begins raining while playing, the game and the following game (if applicable) will be canceled.

Cold Weather:

All games will be canceled if the temperature with wind chill is below 50* degrees Fahrenheit (i.e.: the "it feels like" temperature) at game time. While this is slightly warmer than other leagues' "feels like" temperatures, it is imperative that we keep our players comfortable, and we thank you for your understanding.

Hot Weather:

All games will be canceled if the temperature is above 80* and the humidity is over 70%.

Thunder and Lightning:

When lightning is observed and/or thunder is heard, the game (and any following games) will be canceled. Due to the nature of our players' needs, we will not 'suspend and wait'. Games will be canceled for that day.