

Procedure for a Rain-Out

1. If you're scheduled for a home game and it's raining, try to go to the field and inspect it. If you can't go, try to get one of your team parents to do so.
2. If you're confident the rain won't stop or the field will be unfit for play even if the rain does stop - you may declare a rainout.
3. Call Joe Miller, Umpire Assignor of SEPA Umpires at 215-234-8663, and leave a message. Speak slowly & clearly. The message should be brief, and contain the FIELD & time, your TEAM, and your NAME. Repeat the Field.
4. Also, ASAP. send an email to "umpirejoe13@yahoo.com". **You must create a new email to do this! Do not use a previous email letter to do this!** The Subject Line MUST contain "**VIGS Rain-Out**". The body of the email MUST contain the following:
a) Game # (found on the original schedule: Column A in red bold numerals) b) Field Location c) Game Date & Time d) Home team e) Visiting team f) YOUR name. Failure to include all of the above information could result in the full umpiring fee being assessed to your organization.
5. The Umpire assignor requires a minimum two hours' notice to avoid the possibility of the show up umpiring fee being assessed.
6. Call the head coach of the visiting team.
7. Reschedule the game for a later date.
8. No game may be started or continue if lightning is observed, no matter how far away it seems. However, storm clouds move quickly, and a delayed game may begin or be resumed once lightning has passed, as long as the field remains playable. In other words, don't cancel a game just because there's lightning in the sky at 4:00 PM but no rain is falling. Use your common sense.
9. If you're not sure whether to cancel a game, don't. The sky may look threatening or you may even see lightning; but, by game time, things may be fine. Use your common sense.

Procedure to Re-Schedule a Rain out:

1. Mutual agreement between the coaches on possible dates.
2. The HOME coach needs to contact their organization's Field Director to reserve a field. (If the home field is not available, the game may be played at the visitor's or neutral field.) In the best interest of the girls, try to get all the games played. No matter where the game is played, the scheduled visitor bats first.
3. The coach who initiated the re-scheduled game is to contact Joe Miller, Umpire Assignor to REQUEST an umpire. **Do NOT send an email before ALL the details** are settled between both teams and a FIRM time, date, and place are set in stone. Premature emails will be deleted unread. Emails containing a history of the world dialogue between coaches discussing the rescheduling effort will be deleted unread. A **NEW email** must be sent with the **Subject Line** of "**VIGS game re-schedule – umpire request**". The body of the email MUST contain the following: a) Original Game # (found on the original schedule) b) New Field Location c) New Game Time d) Home team e) Visiting team f) YOUR name. Failure to include all of the above information will result in a reply of "not read, no action, email deleted". You WILL receive a "got it" email from Joe Miller confirming receipt of the information IF your re-scheduling email notification is in the correct format. SEPA Umpires is committed to making a best effort to provide an umpire for your rescheduled games. However, be aware that there exist prior conditions that make very real the possibility that no umpire will be available for re-scheduled games. You will be notified *if* no umpire is available. Play the game with an unpaid volunteer. The League will be credited the umpire game fee (less unscheduling & rescheduling cost). Any credit will be used to offset rain-out show up fees, "double-umpired" suspended and continued games, playoffs. Un-scheduling & rescheduling costs will be billed back to the team/township requesting the schedule change.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.