



# OSHAWA MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

## 2021 Summer RTA Rainout Cancellation Policy

**Preamble:** it is the right of Oshawa Minor Lacrosse to cancel any of its events at any time in order to protect the health and safety of its players, participants, members, and any aspect of the organization.

**Purpose:** to promote consistent messaging due to rainout event cancellations with the 2021 Summer RTA Program

**Statement:** it is the policy of Oshawa Minor Lacrosse to ensure the safety of all participants at all venues in which our activities are carried out. This includes fields used for the 2021 Summer RTA Program. While we recognize that field lacrosse is played under many weather conditions, we also recognize that the 2021 Summer RTA Program is not strictly a field lacrosse program where athletes are required to wear cleats. Running shoes on wet grass could result in unnecessary injuries due to slipping and falling. In wet field conditions that the program coaches feel are potentially hazardous or may result in injury, the sessions for that evening will be cancelled as a "rainout."

### **Procedure:**

1. The Head Coach for the earliest of the evening's sessions will be tasked with making the decision to cancel that evening's events.
  - a. Wherever possible the coach making the call should consult with assistant coaches and the Head Coach of the evening's subsequent events.
  - b. If a consensus is not reached or the decision disputed, the coaches should contact the VP of OMLA Development or the VP of Recreational Lacrosse or the President to resolve the situation.
2. The decision to cancel will be communicated to the VP of Recreational Lacrosse before 5 PM, but not before 4:30 PM.
3. The VP of Rec will inform the VP of Promotions who will post the decision to social media with a format of (i.e.): {Day, Date} + RAINOUT - CANCELLED (e.g.: Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> RAINOUT - CANCELLED)
4. The VP of Rec will change the 2021 Summer RTA Weather Watch shoutout box on the website to read {Day, Date} + RAINOUT - CANCELLED (e.g.: Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> RAINOUT - CANCELLED) and change the icon from green to red.
  - a. The default status will be Green/GO. In the case of a cancellation, the VP of Rec will change the icon back to green/GO the next day.
5. All participants must be informed of this policy via email as soon as possible and the policy must be posted to social media and the website as soon as it is approved. Coaches may wish to mention this to their parents.
6. Coaches will not be remunerated for cancelled events.
7. A weekend Play Day will be scheduled to offset any hours lost due to cancelled events.