

John Pepper Tournament Weather Policy

Tournament Cancellation

In the event of cancellation of the John Pepper Wildcat Invitational or the John Pepper Youth Tournament due to actual or threatening weather conditions, each team will receive a partial refund of its tournament registration fee.

- *The tournament has fixed expenses that are required regardless of whether the tournament is cancelled due to weather. Accordingly teams WILL NOT receive a full refund of the entry fee if the tournament is cancelled.
- *The John Pepper organizers will forward refunds in a prompt timeframe once refund amounts are determined.
- *The West Genesee School District, not the John Pepper Tournament Directors, has the final decision as to whether the tournament will take place due to weather conditions.
- *Every attempt will be made to contact the person who has registered the team for the tournament in the event of cancellation prior to the event. The website: www.johnpepperlax.com will also be updated accordingly.
- *There are no rain dates for the tournaments.

Weather Related Adjustments During the Tournament

In the event of adverse or threatening weather or un-playable field conditions, the John Pepper directors reserve the right to any of the following:

- *Cancel further play
- *Reduce game times in order to catch up with schedule;
- *Interrupt and suspend games as necessary
- *Start games at the point of interruption at the earliest opportunity;
- *Finish a game before inclement weather arrives or to preserve field conditions in which the game will be considered final;
- *Officials WILL FOLLOW established safety rules and suspend the game(s) for the appropriate intervals of time if there are lightning strikes in the vicinity of the event. NFHS rules will apply.
- *NO REFUNDS will be issued due to weather related adjustments once the tournament has started.

Tournament Resumption

If after the weather pattern has subsided and play resumes, the format of the tournament may be altered based on length of time of the stoppage during the weather interruption. This may include:

- *shortening the game lengths;
- *playing 1 continuous period;
- *changing of field assignments.

This decision will be decided by the John Pepper Tournament Committee with fairness and concerns taken into consideration for everyone involved.

The John Pepper Tournament Directors request that all players, spectators and fans please use common sense when any weather related delay is in effect. Please vacate the West Genesee High School facility and find safety in your vehicles. There will not be available shelter at the high school as the school will be not be open for use. PLEASE do not seek shelter under a tent or tree during lightning storms. We request that team coaches and administrators ensure that their teams vacate the fields and team areas as quickly and orderly as possible.