WSPA GAME CANCELLATION POLICY

<u>RAIN – We play in the rain.</u> Head umpire must be at the field at 5PM to check conditions and contact the League Convenor with a decision. If the Head Umpire cannot make it they must communicate that early and the convenor or board member will go to the fields instead.

If unplayable: League Convenor will post to Facebook and games are rescheduled to the end of the season. Games will be rescheduled on Sportsengine and players will receive a notification.

If playable: Games go ahead as planned and no announcement will be made on Facebook. If the field conditions worsen as the evening goes on then field maintenance is expected from umpires and teams to try and play. At anytime, the umpire may call a rain delay that may last up to 30 minutes. If at any point the umpire deems the field unplayable then the game can be cancelled.

Advanced - Any game with less than 5 full innings played will be rescheduled, 5 or more and we will take the score of the last completed inning as the final score.

Intermediate & Novice - Any game with less than 4 full innings played will be rescheduled, 4 or more and we will take the score of the last completed inning as the final score.

Head umpire must ensure that field maintenance equipment is accessible and in good working condition.

Note: On wet nights, field maintenance between innings is expected. This will help to ensure player and umpire safety, as well as help complete more innings. Teams and umpires are required to maintain fields as much as possible

<u>LIGHTNING</u> - If there is lightning within 20km then we will delay the game and resume 30 minutes from the last strike. The umpire will need to shorten games accordingly. We will not completely cancel games because of lightning, we will play it by ear.

SMOKE - We will not play if the Air Quality is at 7 or higher. We will try our best to make that call at 5pm but at any point if the Air Quality spikes, we may need to cancel.

<u>HEAT, TOADS & OTHER</u> - Other factors can cause games to be cancelled. We will try our best to make the final call at 5pm but at any point we may cancel a game. Please join the **Whistler Slo-Pitch Association** group on Facebook for updates. Please download the Sportsengine App to receive league notifications.

If a team decides that they won't be showing up regardless of the decision made by the league, and they do not let the league convenor know **before** the official Umpire in Chief decision at 5pm, then they are subject to a \$40 umpire fee. This fee is also charged for no-shows and cancellations/forfeits by teams after 5pm. Please email info@whistlerslopitch.com ASAP if you will not be showing up.