

SECTION 4 – The Game

- a. A regulation called game shall be declared by the plate umpire if, after five or more innings have been completed, he or she terminates play (for reasons such as lightning, darkness, rain, fire, panic or other causes that place the patrons or players in danger). The score shall be that of the last equal inning played, except that in the following circumstances, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs that each team has scored:
- 1) If the home team has scored more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the visiting team has scored in their five offensive half-innings.
 - 2) If the home team has scored, in an unequal number of innings, more runs than the visiting team.
 - 3) If the home team is at bat when the game is called and has scored in the incomplete inning the same number of runs or more runs than the visiting team.
 - 4) If a team is ahead by twelve or more runs after three innings, eight or more runs after five innings.
- b. After consultation with the tournament official, the game may at any time due to facility problems, crowd behavior or other causes that place the patrons or players in danger.

Note: If a game is delayed due to inclement weather, a facility problem, etc., a reasonable amount of time (not less than 30 minutes) must elapse before the game is called.

Halted Game – SECTION 4.15.

- a. A halted game shall be declared by the plate umpire if play must be temporarily suspended with the intent that it will be continued at some later time or date. When play resumes after having been temporarily suspended, it must start at exactly the point of being halted. The line-ups and batting orders of both teams must be exactly the same as they were, subject to the rules of substitution, and any player who played or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- b. Whether or not the halted game rule will be used must be determined at the pre-game meeting. Use of the halted game rule also can be determined by tournament policy.

Note: If the halted game rule is not utilized, a game stopped with the score tied is considered a regulation tie game, not a halted game, and may not be resumed.