

ALL UMPIRES WITH TYBA WILL BE SUBJECT TO A BACKGROUND CHECK BEFORE WORKING WITH TYBA IN ANY CAPACITY.

STARTING AND ENDING THE GAME

The umpires should proceed directly to home plate where they shall be met by the managers of the opposing teams, just preceding the established time to begin the game. In sequence:

- The home team manager shall give the batting order in duplicate to the umpire-in-chief;
- The visiting manager shall give the batting order in duplicate to the umpire-in-chief
- The Umpire-in-chief shall make certain that the original and duplicate copies are the same, then provide a copy of each batting order to the opposing manager. The original copy retained by the umpire-in-chief shall be the official batting order; except State Tournament where the official scorekeeper will have the official batting order.
- As soon as the home team's batting order is handed to the umpire-in-chief, the umpires are in charge of the playing field and from that moment have sole authority to determine when a game shall be called, halted or resumed on account of the weather or field conditions.
- **NOTICE:**
- When cloud to ground lightening is observed, play should be suspended immediately. All personnel should evacuate the field for safety.
- 15 minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 15 minutes after the last flash of lightning before resuming play. Any subsequent lightning flash resets the clock and another 15 minute delay.
- This policy is in place for the safety of all people involved in the game as players, coaches, spectators and officials.
- Before the game starts the weather policy is decided by the league officials at the

field that the game is to be played. After play has begun, the weather policy is the decision of the umpires on the field for that game.