

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event that a game needs to be stopped due to inclement weather, lightning, etc., you will be instructed by one or all of the following methods:

- 1) Notification System utilized by playing facility (Thor, Vaisala, etc.)
- 2) Notified by U90C On-site Staff (tournament official, league official, etc.)
- 3) Notified by Referees
- 4) Air Horns

Everyone should then go to their cars. **DO NOT LEAVE THE SITE**. The air horns will sound again or you will be informed by a tournament / league official when everything is "all clear." You should then return to the field. If it is necessary for you to check with Tournament / League Headquarters regarding this situation, we ask that only the teams' head coach or team manager go to the headquarters tent.

Games will be suspended until 30 minutes after the last lightning or thunder has left the vicinity (min 6 mile radius). Inclement weather is always a possibility and such weather may result in delayed, abbreviated or canceled games. The tournament committee will attempt to reschedule games to insure that each team will play a full schedule for the tournament or league. Games may be shortened or postponed or scheduled at a different site in order to meet this goal. The Tournament Directors / League Directors and Site Coordinators have authority to suspend games due to weather. Preliminary matches terminated after 20 minutes of play because of the weather may be considered final.

In the event of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to avoid cancellation. All communications with regard to schedule changes / modifications will be made directly with the coach and team manager / contact listed within GotSoccer.

U90C Weather Hotline: 469-587-7454 (Option 9)

## Clarification of U90C's weather delay policy for NTX RPL League

If a weather delay occurs that causes a field(s) to be delayed in play schedule by less than one hour, the field(s) will continue to play that day's schedule through completely, just delayed by the time period of the weather delay, except if the final game(s) cannot be finished due to darkness. Example: If fields 1, 3 and 5 have games at 11:00 AM that are suspended by 45 minutes due to a weather delay, those fields will continue to play the rest of the day's schedule, just starting 45 minutes after their posted start time. The 6:30 PM games on these fields would then start at 7:15 PM under these parameters. However, if the fields do not have lights and these games would not

be able to be finished before darkness, the 6:30 PM games would be rescheduled according to the league rules for a game suspended by weather in the first half. For games that were scheduled to be played on fields 2, 4 and 6, at 12:30 PM and later, or games on fields 1, 3, and 5, that had an open time slot after the weather delay, that were NOT impacted by the weather delay, these games would be played as scheduled through the completion of the day.

For weather delays that impact multiple time slots (example: two to three hours), the games in progress when the weather delay started would follow the league rules for reschedules (e.g. games suspended in the first half would be rescheduled, games suspended after the first half has been completed would be considered played in full with the score at the time of the weather delay being marked as the final score). For the subsequent time slots that were impacted by the weather delay, these games would be rescheduled according to the league rules for a game suspended by weather in the first half. As soon as games could restart on a scheduled game start time, that time slot and the remainder of the day would play as scheduled through the completion of the day.

A weather delay/closing that closes a park for the remainder of the day would cause all games scheduled at that park for that day impacted by the weather delay/closing to be rescheduled or considered played as full length games per the league rules (e.g. games suspended in the first half would be rescheduled, games suspended after the first half has been completed would be considered played in full with the score at the time of the weather delay being marked as the final score). One park closing due to weather does not necessarily close other parks. Each park makes its own decision regarding playing conditions independently of the other parks. Accordingly, one park may close or be delayed due to weather conditions, but other parks would play as scheduled because they were not delayed by weather conditions.

Due to the locations of the parks and the various weather conditions that could impact each park, it is very important for teams to pay attention to the details of the messages on the U90C Weather Hotline to determine if the park for their game for that day is under a weather delay, cancellation or still playing games as originally scheduled.