



# BEAUREGARD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY- 2018

BUSA may cancel or delay practice sessions or matches because of bad weather. The top priority is safety for the players but also field conditions, parking conditions and conditions that can increase children's propensity for sickness are all factors for weather delays/cancellations. The determination as to whether to suspend or cancel play will be made by the BUSA Board of Directors.

### Cancellations.

BUSA may cancel an entire day of matches/practices based on conditions or forecast. This may be done beforehand (hopefully the night prior for morning matches) or during the match time.

### Lightning/Storm Delays.

Lightning is one of the top ten causes of sudden death in sport. BUSA, in conjunction with the recommendations in US Soccer's Recognize to Recover Player Safety program, uses established guidelines to mitigate the danger of lightning during a BUSA event and to take appropriate precautions.

If lightning is detected within 5 miles of the field play shall be immediately suspended as a "Weather Delay". This will be announced by successive long car horns, or whistles and reinforced by coaches and officials. Players, spectators, and officials must clear the fields and go to their vehicles. Working BUSA officials (snack bar workers, board members, referees) may seek cover inside the BUSA building. Play may be resumed after thirty (30) minutes has passed since the last known lightning strike within range. If this occurs BUSA will announce on facebook the official authorized "restart" time and adjusted start times of subsequent planned games for that day.

During BUSA Rec match days each specific game clock will stop and can be resumed after the weather delay is over. Games at halftime or in the second half will be considered complete and will not be resumed. If the weather delay lasts more than one hour any match in progress is considered complete.

During tournament or special event matches this policy of delay/restart/cancel can be amended by BUSA staff.

### Delay/cancellation notifications.

BUSA will announce delays or cancellations through facebook as soon as possible. Coaches and parents should use text/phone trees to inform teammates. Coaches can cancel practice because of weather or weather forecasts at their discretion however if/when BUSA formally cancels practices coaches may not make the decision to practice during that time.