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Procedures For Game Cancellations and Delays

Thunder/Lightning Delays

Lightning is the number one cause of injuries, and even deaths in youth soccer. In the event thunder is heard, or lightning is observed, **Games should be suspended immediately. All participants should leave the fields and go to their cars.** If ANYONE observes that lightning is in the area, **they should immediately notify the referee or the League official if there is one at the field. THERE WILL NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

If the referee or League official does not suspend play, the coaches should immediately remove their teams from the field and go to their cars.

When a league official or referee hears thunder or observes lightning, or has been advised that there is thunder and lightning in the area, a horn will be blown to notify everyone that there is thunder and/or lightning in the area. We will wait for 30 minutes for the thunder to cease or for the lightning to clear the area before resuming games. A league official will sound the horn to indicate that play may resume. The League may decide to terminate games after the delay. In the event a game is terminated, and play was suspended after the completion of the first half, it will be considered a completed game and the score at the time of suspension will be considered the final score. If the first half has not been completed, the League will try to re-schedule the game in it's entirety.

Game Cancellations

Games will be played as scheduled, unless you are notified otherwise. Typically games are canceled due to excessively wet field conditions.

Saturday and Sunday Games - We generally try to make a cancellation decision on Friday night (for Saturday games) and Sunday morning (for Sunday games). If we have had a week of rain and more is predicted, you might want to start thinking about the possibility of canceled games.

In the event games do have to be canceled, the League will notify ALL LEAGUE Participants (parents & coaches) following the procedures described below.

1. E-mail messages will be sent to ALL LEAGUE Participants (parents & coaches) to the **e-mail addresses that we have on file**. So, if there is any question about games being played, EVERYONE should check their e-mail! **If a player does not have email, the coach will have to call that player.**
2. A message will be left on the CESA voice mail, 253-6995, as soon as a decision to cancel games has been made. If there is no message indicating games have been canceled, then games have not been canceled **as of the time the call was made.** You might wish to advise parents of this option, so they can check themselves and not have to wait for your phone call.

Weeknight Games - We will call the Head Coach to notify you of the cancellation. We try to make that decision at least 3-4 hours prior to the game.

Frost Delays

Neither games nor Tiny Tot sessions may begin if there is frost on the fields. If we do experience frost, notification will be sent to everyone following the same procedures described above for Game Cancellations. The typical procedure is to move all games back ONE HOUR. So, if your game was scheduled for 9:30, it would start at 10:30, etc.. SO, if there are frost advisories being issued on Friday, BE SURE TO CHECK your email in the morning (or CESA Voice Mail - 253-6995) BEFORE heading to the fields.