

PSC Weather Inclement Weather Policy

Portsmouth Soccer Club Board of Directors members main concern is for the safety of our players, every effort will be made to notify our members in a timely manner. If inclement weather is possible we will be constantly monitoring weather conditions for not only the current time but also for the timeframe in which we will have an event going on whether it be practice, games or other event.

Conditions that could warrant cancellations of games include but are not limited to standing water/snow on all or parts of field(s), current rain/snow falling, inclement weather.

Several scenarios that could be employed-cancel all league games, cancel all games for a certain field, postpone all games for a specified amount of time, or reschedule games from one field to another field.

This applies to both recreation/advanced games on Saturdays and travel games on Sunday and applies only to games scheduled to be played at PSC Venues. For games not on our venues please call the respective hotlines for the fields in questions numbers are posted on the Weather Hotlines tab.

Day of games. PSC's Board of Directors to make final determination by 7:00 a.m. and updates will be posted appropriately as soon as possible.

Once games start for the day then the Board of Directors will make determinations along with senior referee at the venue.

If lightning is detected, all players, referees and spectators are to leave the fields and sit in their cars or substantial buildings.

Coaches and Referees are responsible for the safety of players and guests at fields.

PSC restrooms, porta potties and buildings are not shelters.

Notice will be issued either by individual referees or PSC staff announcements.

If a game is suspended due to weather, it may resume if the weather subsides and if there's still time on the clock. If game cannot resume by end of time, the score at the time of suspension stands as final score if second half of play has started.

Reasons for NOT using wet fields: The use of sports fields when the turf is wet creates ruts, worn areas, and compacts the soil, which reduces turf grass growth (i.e. goal mouth areas). This use results in long-term damage to the turf, which reduces the quality of the playing surface. These problems create unsafe playing conditions and impact field availability, which results in lengthy and costly maintenance repairs to the fields.