



# AYSO Region 1103

## Weather Policy

### **Game Cancellations:**

In the event that severe weather or extreme field conditions necessitate the relocation, rescheduling, or cancellation of games, this information will be communicated via the Rained Out Text Message Service. Instructions to register for the serves are posted on the regional website [www.ayso1103.org](http://www.ayso1103.org), in the right margin. Notifications will also be posted on the AYSO1103 Facebook page. It is up to coaches to contact their individual players and team volunteers. In general, the decision to cancel or relocate games prior to game day shall be made by either the [Safety Director](#) or the [Regional Commissioner](#). Every effort will be made to re-schedule these games. Should this not be possible, however, registration refunds – in part or in full – will not be offered. A Coach is not authorized to cancel or reschedule an individual game without the approval of the Coach Administrator and the Referee Administrator.

### **Make – up Game Schedule:**

Region 1103 will schedule 7 weeks of play for the fall regular season and 7 weeks of play for the spring regular season schedule. We will play only 12 weeks total for each membership year. The additional scheduled weeks will be for re-scheduling full day game cancellations from earlier in the season. The location of these games may be adjusted, but the game times and match-ups should be identical to the cancelled day. If more than 2 game days are cancelled, or more than one in the spring season, then the cancelled games will not be rescheduled.

### **Game Day Cancellations**

Games may be cancelled on game day – even if already in progress – in the event of severe weather. In particular, visible lightning or audible thunder, will result in all fields being cleared for a minimum of 30 minutes. It is the responsibility of the referee (or the coaches in a referee's absence) to make this call. You should not wait until a storm is near to stop the game. This needs to be done while the storm is miles away so that the field may be cleared before there is lightening overhead. Games will not be “delayed” on game day. If play is suspended, the scheduled game end times will stand. If your game would be finishing within the thirty minute delay, then the game is essentially over. The resumption of play will be indicated via text message to the Rained Out service.

### **Practice Cancellations**

Team practice cancellations are at the discretion of the head coach. The restrictions with regard to lightening and severe weather still apply. Often coaches will err on the safe side with regard to temperature or precipitation. Practices may or may not be re-scheduled, based on the coach's and the players' availability. Often due to scheduling, a decision is made early in the day concerning practice cancellation. If the decision to cancel is made, this decision is final. It is up to the coach to communicate any cancellation or rescheduling information to their players.

### **Alternate Practice Locations**

Teams are only allowed to practice or hold any AYSO Functions at facilities that have been specifically inspected and insured by the regional safety commissioner. In general, these are the standard practice and game locations that are listed on the regional website. Contact the safety director for an updated listing. If you wish to hold a practice at a non sanctioned location, you should contact both the regional commissioner and the safety director to request an inspection and certification. If a location becomes unsafe (perhaps due to excess water on the fields) it is the coach's responsibility to identify this situation and make the Safety Director aware of it as soon as possible.

### **Indoor Practice Locations**

On some occasions practices may be held at indoor gym locations in the region, due to early season weather restrictions, or inclement weather. These gymnasiums, rather public or private, must still be inspected, insured, and certified by the Safety Director prior to any AYSO use in the same fashion as the outdoor locations. Additional scheduling requests may need to be made to secure their use as well.