

BYSA Severe Weather Conditions policy

- 1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests/play be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
- 2) The contest will be suspended until 30 minutes after the last boom of thunder. This time will not be made up at the resumption of play. Therefore, matches may be abandoned or game times shortened to maintain the overall game schedule for the day.
- 3) It is BYSA's intention to have a designated individual at the primary field of play. This individual or their designate will sound 3 long blasts of an air horn to signal that play should be suspended and that everyone should immediately seek proper shelter. Proper shelter is defined as the nearest public building or in the absence of such a structure then a vehicle with a solid metal top.
 - i. In the absence of the designated BYSA official and/or the sounding of the air horn, the referee shall immediately suspend play at the sound of thunder. The referee will direct everyone at his/or her field to seek proper shelter.
 - ii. At games that are played away from the primary field of play, the referee shall immediately suspend play at the sound of thunder. The referee will direct everyone at his/or her field to seek proper shelter. The referee will signal the resumption of play based on the above mentioned time frame.
 - iii. During practices, the coach shall immediately suspend practice at the sound of thunder and direct everyone at his/or her field to seek proper shelter. The coach will signal the resumption of practice based on the above mentioned time frame.
- 4) Poor field conditions necessitates that contests/play be modified or abandoned. The referee, in consultation with the BYSA designate or in the absence of such designate, the coaches involved shall assess the field conditions and determine if play should be modified or abandoned.
 - i. Poor field conditions are defined as conditions that pose a risk or hazard to the safety of the players and officials. These include but are not limited to excessive water, divots/ holes/ruts, rocks, unsecured portable goals, etc on the field of play.