BLUE RIDGE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Extreme Weather Policy and Procedure

This extreme weather policy is to be followed by all Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. staff, coaches, referees, players and parents. Those found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by the Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

Lightning and Thunder

- Lightning may strike when the storm is within 10 miles of your location
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you
- Immediately move to safe shelter when you hear thunder or see lightning. Safe shelters include: substantial building with electricity of plumbing, personal vehicle.
- Stay in safe shelter for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or last sight of lightning, whichever occurred last.

Severe Weather Watch vs. Warning

- A severe weather watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for severe weather (tornado, severe thunderstorms, hurricanes, etc.)
- A severe weather warning is issued when severe weather is imminent or occurring.

Signs of Severe Weather

- Dark Clouds
- Thunder
- Lightning
- Hail
- Rain
- Increased Wind Speed
- Sudden Temperature Drop
Rules and Procedures

Frederick County Parks and Recreation

Field closures will be made by Frederick County Parks and Recreation no later than 3:30pm on weekdays and 8:00am on weekends. Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. will update social media and www.brysa.org accordingly.

On-Field Delays/Cancellations

Practices

1. If the area is in a severe weather watch or warning, practices will be canceled by Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. staff.
2. Coaches and parents should check the weather to know if there is a chance for inclement weather. When possible, parents should remain on the premises in these cases.
3. Coaches, players and parents must all play a role. Watch for darkening clouds and flashes of lightning and pay close attention to the wind. Increased wind may mean a storm is approaching.

Games

1. The referees and coaches will be responsible for player safety.
2. It is the responsibility of the referee to delay/cancel games due to lightning and/or other inclement weather.
3. If subsequent games are to be affected, Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. will update social media and www.brysa.org accordingly.

Procedures For Inclement Weather

1. Clear the field or practice area as quickly as possible. Players are to grab their equipment and exit the field as quickly as possible. If there is an imminent threat, players should leave without their equipment.
2. Players, coaches and spectators must seek safe shelter as quickly as possible.
3. Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc Staff, Coaches and Referees will monitor for the sound of thunder and sight of lightning.
4. Players are not to reenter the field until Blue Ridge Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Staff, Coaches or Referees permit. This must be no sooner than 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder and/or the last sight of lightning.