

COED 4-5 Soccer Assessing the Weather & Fields

First of all, in general we do play soccer in the rain.

However, whenever rain is in the forecast, everyone starts thinking about canceling practice.

Here are suggestions for how to play on, or cancel, your team's practice.

1. Collaborate - email the other coaches on your practice night. See what they think.
 - a. The list of coaches on your practice night is on the soccer coach webpage
 - b. <http://www.ebya.org/Default.aspx?tabid=630834>
 - c. Click on COED 4/5 Practice Night Contacts
2. If the field is saturated, cancel practice. Swing by the field an hour before practice (5PM), and walk the field. Or delegate that task to a member of your team.
 - a. If the field is saturated, it may be dangerous. It may also damage the field to hold practice.
3. If possible, send a cancellation while at the field.
4. If it has been raining all day and is going to continue to rain at practice time, cancel practice.
 - a. Check the hourly forecast on weather.com
5. Our fields can take up to 2 inches of overnight rain, and drain in time to be playable.
6. To determine total rainfall, check the Lanchester Landfill weather website:
 - a. <http://www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=191>
 - b. They are close enough to East Brandywine to use as a reference.
 - c. Just make sure the date/time on the website is current (it updates hourly)
7. If there are thunderstorms in the area, cancel practice.
8. If it is cold & rainy, cancel practice.
9. ** If your COED 4/5 team's first practice is canceled due to rain: It doesn't matter at all.
 - a. You will not see a difference in game play. Kids just chase the ball and sometimes attempt to kick it toward the correct goal.
10. Don't worry about rescheduling practice for this age group.
11. If possible, offer to text your team if you cancel practice.
 - a. Load their cell phone numbers into your contacts ahead of time