



UISA DISTRICT SEVERE WEATHER POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The health and safety of all members and associates is a high priority for the district therefore created policies and guidelines for severe weather. Here on Vancouver Island the weather can change drastically and without notice. Please take the time to read the information provided.

AIR QUALITY:

Air Quality Health Index must be 6 or lower 1 hour prior to the start of the match.

Current air quality readings can be found here:

https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/provincial_summary/bc_e.html

HEAT WARNINGS:

If temperatures.

- rise above 38 - matches will be abandoned
- are between 32 and 38 - matches must have at least one, 2-minute water break in each half
- 32 and under - proceed as normal.

Weather readings can be found here:

https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=bc

LIGHTNING SAFETY:

Click here to read the Lightning Safety Policy from Canada Soccer

<https://www.bcsoccer.net/files/Referee/Documents/Lightning%20Policy%20E.pdf>

Ultimately, the referee has the final say over delaying or restarting a match due to weather. Waiting to stop play or not waiting to start play may result in a serious injury or loss of life. Referees are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during matches they are controlling.

UISA strongly recommends regardless of policy, everyone must make the best decision for their own personal situation and are encouraged and supported to do so.



UISA DISTRICT SEVERE WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Occasionally, games may have to be cancelled at the last minute due to severe weather, snow, unsafe driving conditions road closures, pitch closures, and ferry cancellations. Be prepared before you go.

Click here for BC Ferry travel advisories:

<https://www.bcferries.com/routes-fares/schedules/daily/PWR-CMX>

Click here for Drive BC events:

<https://drivebc.ca/mobile/pub/events/VancouverIsland.html>

Good practices:

- Check in with your opponent's coach the night before the match
- Familiarize yourself with city websites for notices on 'Field Closures' – these can be found on the UISA website
- Coach contacts can be found on the UISA website
- Check your match status the night before for cancellations or changes

Click here for the:

[Canada Soccer Lightning Safety / Severe Weather Policy](#)

UISA SEVERE WEATHER CANCELLATION PROTOCOL TO FOLLOW:

If a match cannot be played, please follow these steps:

1. Coaches in affected communities are to connect with their opponent's coaches
2. Coaches are to contact their team parents/players
3. Both coaches are required to notify their club designate. If you are the home team, ensure that all internal calls are made to notify the club administrator, club referee scheduler and club field scheduler. Please follow your club's protocol.
4. Both coaches are to email the district at upperislandsocceroffice@gmail.com
5. Referees will update the game as 'abandoned' and UISA will attempt to reschedule.

Sanctions of up to \$400 may be applied to teams that do not follow UISA's Severe Weather Cancellation Protocol