

## **Wyoming and District Soccer Club Weather Policy**

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To ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, officials, and spectators, the following weather policy outlines the procedures for delaying, rescheduling, or canceling games due to adverse weather or field conditions.

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### **Temperature and Humidity**

The forecasted temperature and humidex at the scheduled kick-off time will be monitored using The Weather Network. The higher of the temperature or humidex values will be used when applying the guidelines below.

If high heat or humidity is predicted, the following will apply:

- Below 32°C: Games proceed as scheduled.
  - Between 32°C – 38°C: Games will proceed with mandatory, frequent water and rest breaks.
  - 38°C and above: Games will be canceled.
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### **Notification of Cancellations**

Decisions regarding cancellations due to temperature or humidity will be announced by 5:30 PM on the day of the scheduled game.

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### **Air Quality**

Air quality advisories and decisions will be guided by the Weather Network and relevant public health information.

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### **Lightning and Thunder**

Games will be canceled or delayed if lightning or thunder is observed:

- Within 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- At any point during the practice/game. All parties are to quickly leave the field and seek shelter in a safe location. Players and coaches are not to return to the field - and the game will not be resumed - until 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning. The decision to start (or not start) and continue (or not continue) a game

or practice will be made at the field. These decisions are the responsibility of the referee or executive team.

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### **Field Conditions**

Prior to game time, two executive members will inspect the field to evaluate for standing water or unsafe playing surfaces and will jointly determine appropriate next steps.

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### **Game Progression**

#### *Before the Game:*

- Games will begin as scheduled unless weather conditions warrant otherwise.
- Puddles, standing water, or severe weather may result in cancellation.
- Heavy rainfall before the game will cause a 15-minute delay; if rain continues, the game will be canceled.
- Attendance is at the discretion of the players and parents once a game is deemed playable by officials.

#### *During the Game:*

- Games will be paused or canceled if standing water, very slippery conditions, or severe weather develops.
  - Thunder, lightning, or threatening conditions will result in immediate stoppage.
  - If heavy rain occurs during play, a 15-minute delay will be observed. Continued rainfall will result in cancellation.
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### **Game Cancellations Due to Weather**

All cancellations will be communicated via the club's Facebook page and/or email. It is the responsibility of parents and coaches to monitor these communications.

Missed games due to weather will not be rescheduled.

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