

## **Wyoming and District Soccer Club**

### **Weather Policy**

To protect the well being of all participants, officials, and spectators, the following guidelines and principles shall be used in cases where the weather or field conditions should result in a delay, rescheduled or cancelled game.

- Light to moderate rain or mist is considered by OSA to be acceptable for playing the game of soccer, and all games shall start and the weather monitored.

#### *Prior to game start*

The League Convenor and/or Convenor Coordinator in conjunction with the referees shall determine if the games can start based on the following criteria;

- If temperature is 32C or above at 5:00 p.m. games will be cancelled.
- If standing water or puddles are present, then the games on all fields shall not start and all teams are to be sent home.
- If there is lightning, thunder or extremely threatening weather in the immediate area, then the games on all fields shall not start and all teams are to be sent home.
- If there is heavy rain/ torrential downpour occurring, then the games shall be delayed by 15 minutes to see if the rain lets up. If the rain subsides, then the games shall be played. If the sky in the immediate area appears to be clearing, then the delay will be extended to no more than 30 minutes. If the rain does not ease, then the games on all fields shall not start and all teams are to be sent home.

#### *During the Game*

The League Convenor, Convenor Coordinator, Referee, Club President, VP's or Referee Coordinator have the right/ responsibility to stop all games based on the following criteria.

- If standing water or puddles develop on the field, or the condition becomes very slippery, then the games on all fields shall be stopped and all teams are to be sent home.
- If there is lightening, thunder or extremely threatening weather developing in the immediate area, then the games on all fields shall be stopped and all teams are to be sent home.
- If heavy rain/ torrential downpour develops during the game, all games shall be stopped. A temporary delay for up to 15 minutes shall be taken to see if weather improves. If the rain subsides, then the games shall resume. If the heavy rain continues then the games shall be cancelled and all teams shall be sent home.

*Games stopped due to weather*

- If the game has been played up to or beyond half time before the game is stopped due to weather, then the game will be considered complete and the score considered final.
- If the game has not made it to half time, then the executive will determine if the games will be rescheduled to the next available field opening, or cancelled completely with all games considered a tie.
- Games that are rescheduled shall start with the full game time, no practice time prior, and the score prior to the stoppage will be granted to all teams.

***When games are cancelled due to inclement weather, an email will be sent out by the club. This will be the only communication that parents/coaches receive and it is the parent's responsibility to check email accordingly. No refunds or re-scheduling will be made for any missed games.***

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