

YSA Soccer Weather Policies

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Player's safety is our first concern. If poor weather occurs, please check with the website www.katyshequ.com before the game to make sure your soccer field will be opened on that day. YSA officials will monitor the weather closely and will update the latest status 2 hours before each soccer game.

If you have any doubts about the weather, please contact your coach or team manager.

If there is a sudden change of weather during game/practice, please follow the instructions of the Field Marshall at your field.

An ongoing game or practice must be suspended/cancelled under these severe weather conditions, as determined by the Field Marshall if:

1. Cell Phone Amber Alert is sent by the authority for severe weather conditions in the area, including but not limited to thunderstorm, tornado, hail and flashing flood;
2. If lightning is within five miles, with or without hearing thunder, the game or practice should be suspended immediately and shelter sought.*

YSA recommends that teams and spectators seek immediate shelter in their automobiles or a designated severe weather shelter, if there is one nearby. Smaller, open structures, tents, trees, isolated areas, etc, should be avoided. Cars, with windows rolled up or buses can provide good shelter. Avoid contact with metal or other conducting materials to the outside surfaces. Do not stay in open, unprotected areas.

Games and practices should not be restarted for at least 20 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen or roll of thunder is heard.

3. Extreme heat recommendations

Up to 89°F	Normal Play
90° - 99°F	Mandatory two-minute water breaks per 10 or less minutes with running time. Play time will be shortened according to each team coach.
100° - 105°F	Mandatory two-minute water breaks per 5 or less minutes with running time. Play time will be shortened according to each team coach.
105°F +	Suspend Play

4. Other severe weather conditions that threaten the safety of players, coaches and spectators.

Once a weather call is made, soccer is cancelled for the remainder of the afternoon unless there are further instructions.

Note*: A lightning detector can identify the distance accurately but may not be available. A rough guideline is to measure the time between the lightning flash and hearing the corresponding thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, seek shelter. It may not be possible to determine which lightning strike generated which roll of thunder. A simple rule: If you can see it or hear it, clear it!

If a person can hear thunder, or see lightning, the danger already is present. A clear, sunny sky overhead with storm clouds nearby can still be dangerous.