

Tournament Severe Weather Policy

Lightning and/or Thunder

- When the horns sound for lighting in the area all fields will be cleared. All games are postponed until 20 minutes after the last lightning strike is detected and it has been determined safe to return to the fields. **DO NOT LEAVE THE COMPLEX!**
- No place outside is safe near thunderstorms
- Use solid enclosed substantial constructed buildings if possible. A vehicle with a solid roof and metal sides is a reasonable second choice.
- Avoid being at higher elevations, wide-open areas, or near trees.

Communication for Severe Weather

- Alarm will sound when lightning is within 8 miles (This is a solid tone siren; beacon lights will turn on)
- Initial warning siren will sound for 15 seconds
- Amber strobe light will continue to flash until the “All-Clear” siren
- Countdown clock to “All Clear” will automatically reset when lightning strikes (access through admin phone app)
- “All Clear” siren is three 5-second blasts
- Weather updates will be posted on Facebook and Twitter.
- Tournament Director, Referee Assignor will determine restart times.
- When severe weather is a possible threat, use local radar for updated information.

Weather Monitoring

- Onsite Radar
- Onsite Lightning Detection

1. If the weather delay is more than 30 minutes:

- If the match is in the first half that half will be deemed complete and will restart in the second half will be 15 minutes in length.
- If the match is in the second half, then the Referee shall declare the game complete. If a semi-final or final game is a tie, then the match will go directly to a shoot-out.
- The Tournament Director will make every effort to complete games. This may mean moving a game to another field or shortening the duration of all remaining games.
- Any games that didn't start will be shortened. Game length will be determined by the Tournament Director and coaches.

2. Team Coaches or Managers must check with the tournament tent to Receive Final Instructions.

- Do not leave the playing area unless told to do so by the Referee Assignor or the Tournament Director. Do not take the word of the Field Marshall. Stop by the tournament tent before dismissing your players.
- If your team is not present at the resumption of play, your team will forfeit the match.

- **Re-Entry on the Fields:** The all clear sound air horns/sirens is three 5-second blasts. You should then return to the field. If it is necessary for you to check with Tournament Headquarters regarding this situation, we ask that only one team official go to the headquarters tent.

Communication to teams: Metro Alliance FC will use one or all-3 ways to communicate to all teams and spectators:

- Email via Gotsport System
- Facebook

REFUNDS

If the event is canceled entirely because of weather, Metro Alliance FC will refund 80 % of the application fee if a team does not play any games because of weather. If teams play 1 game, Metro Alliance FC will refund 50% of the entry fee. If teams play two games, the refund will be 25%.