



Cumberland United-Unis Soccer Club

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ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

These guidelines apply to House League games only.

Throughout the outdoor soccer season the CUSC receives many enquiries regarding the status of a game when the weather conditions may not appear suitable for playing.

The CUSC, like many other clubs, follow the Adverse Weather Guidelines that are published on the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) website and can be viewed [here](#). All CUSC Referees and Field Supervisors for U5/U6 (hereafter referred to as Referee) are aware of and understand these Guidelines and are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during games they are controlling. Additional information is also available in a new policy on Lightning Safety/Severe Weather which the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) passed on July 16, 2008. This can be viewed [here](#).

While the OSA guidelines and the Canadian Soccer Association policy address lightening, there are other instances which may cause a game to be cancelled (or suspended) such as unsafe or unplayable field conditions.

What to do: Parents and/or players should go to the soccer field even if the weather appears to be poor. The decision whether a game will proceed is the responsibility of the Referee and will be made at the field.

If the weather is unfavourable, parents and/or players may wait in their cars until either the weather clears or the game is cancelled or suspended by the Referee. Coaches may be consulted but, ultimately, the Referee or Field supervisor will have the final decision.

If a team does not show up, then that team will be deemed to have forfeited the game even if the Referee cancels the game at the field.

If severe weather occurs during the game, Referees have the discretion to delay a game up to 15 minutes to see if the weather will clear. If it does not, the Referee will stop the game and report the stoppage to the Referee-in-Chief.

If a game is cancelled or stopped by the Referee due to weather, visibility, or unsafe or unplayable field conditions before the completion of 1/2 of the normal playing time for that division, the game shall be considered incomplete. Games cancelled or stopped in the final half of normal playing time will be considered complete.

EXTERNAL REFERENCE

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