

Severe Weather Policy

Tournament officials reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel games, as deemed necessary, if there is lightning in the area or if the weather could cause risk to participants and those attending the games. If it is determined that the weather is severe Field Marshall's and Referees will be notified via radio to interrupt play. In addition, if weather is deemed extreme Tournament Directors will sound the air horn. **IF air horns are sounded** all tournament participants and or spectators should take immediate cover.

In case of medical emergency, the tournament will have a medical plan in place to handle the emergency. It is each team's responsibility to provide water, ice and emergency first aid.

- To suspend a game in progress, or to postpone the start of a game, the weather conditions **MUST** pose an immediate hazard to the participants of the game. These conditions include lightning, torrential rain, or tornadoes. The Tournament Directors and/or the Referee of a particular game have final say.
- If a game is suspended due to the above conditions, and at least 1/2 of the second half of the game has been completed, then the score at the time of suspension shall be final. There will be NO restart.
- If a game is suspended with less than 1/2 of the game completed, the game will restart at the earliest possible time, and continue until a minimum of 1/2 of the second half of the game is completed; at which time the game will be terminated and considered final. The Tournament Directors and/or the Referee of a particular game have final say.
- If, by virtue of previous rule, the time of the next game is delayed, or if the start of a game is delayed; the total time of that game shall be adjusted in order to keep the schedule. Provision will be given that at least 3/4 of the game is to be completed.
- Games that cannot start because of weather will be scored as a 0-0 tie.
- It is the intention of the Tournament Committee that all teams play a minimum of three games. Every contingency possible will be tried to meet this goal. The Referee Assignor will adjust times so that all teams will be able to complete their games. If by chance, there is a game canceled due to either weather or conditions beyond the control of the Tournament Committee that canceled game will be scored as though it had been played to a 0-0 tie.
- Team coaches or managers must check with headquarters to receive final instructions. Do not leave the playing area unless told to do so by the Referee Assignor, Referee, Field Marshall or the Tournament Directors or unless the air horns are sounded. The Referee Assignor will be in communication with the Field Marshall via radio. Stop by headquarters before dismissing players.
- If your team is not present when play resumes; your team will forfeit the match.

Golden Goal Rule

In MYSA sponsored Tournaments, if a championship game is timed after regulation time, the 'Golden Goal Rule' applies. This rule states that up to two 5-minute rounds of play may be completed - champion is determined based on the first goal scored - no further play. If the game is still tied after the second overtime, the tie shall be broken by taking kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures in the USSF Laws of the Game.