



MYSA Event/Weather Policy

Coaches will be expected to review this information in advance with the parents from their team. It is important for the safety of everyone involved that these guidelines are followed.

The event/weather hotline will be updated regularly during inclement weather and when major MYSA events have been scheduled. Please call (952) 252-1698. We will have a recorded message with any changes or cancellation information. Do not leave any messages at this number; they **will not** be retrieved.

Weather Policy: If severe weather develops the Tournament Director, Tournament Staff or field marshals will instruct the referees on any decisions to suspend play and seek shelter. Referees will blow their whistles to stop play and exit the field. The referees will be instructed with the “All Clear” message when teams can resume play. Tournament organizers will make decisions as to resuming game play and the necessity of rescheduling games. Please do not leave the facility until such time as directed to do so by the tournament organizers.

The decision to clear the fields will always be based on the safety of the players, coaches, referees and spectators. Therefore, if the decision is made to clear the fields, it will be expected that all participants will follow these steps:

1. Parents, fans, players, coaches and referees will seek shelter immediately **inside their vehicles**.
2. Do not leave the premises until directed to do so by the tournament organizers. Tournament organizers will communicate with and direct coaches, managers and referees to the plan. The coach/manager will then direct parents and players as to when they may leave.
3. The “All Clear” indicator will be when the referees return to their fields and position themselves in the middle of the field. This will indicate that it is safe to resume play.

If you have questions, please call the MYSA office at 952-933-2384.

Please be patient as decisions are made by tournament organizers as to whether tournament play will or will not continue. Decisions will always be based with the safety of the players, coaches, referees and spectators in mind.

Heat

Heat is a problem when it prevents the body from cooling itself. The hotter the body gets, the more likely it is to increase fatigue levels, develop cramps, and increase the possibility of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The hotter and more humid the weather, the faster these problems can develop. Temperatures as low as 65 degrees, with a relative humidity of 100%, can be serious.

1. A heat index chart should be given to every coach and referee.
2. Games need to be adjusted as the heat index rises:
 - o Mandatory water breaks
 - o Go to quarters
 - o Shorten the games
3. Provide training to coaches to teach the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Club administrators and tournament officials are responsible for monitoring the heat index (by weather radio, online or the Weather Channel) and keeping the participating teams and game officials informed of the heat index. Coaches are encouraged to also monitor the conditions.

Hot Weather

The following are recommended when there is a possibility of dangerous high heat index:

Heat Index	Recommended Guidelines
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.
100° - 105°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes.
105°+	Suspend play.