

Weather Guidelines

In the event of inclement weather prior to scheduled activities, Sporting Columbia will be notified of field conditions and closures by the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. The Parks & Rec Cancellation Hot Line (573-874-7663) will be updated at 7AM on Saturdays and 4PM on weekdays.

Sporting Columbia staff/board members agree to play games unless one of the following listed conditions occur.

Heat Guidelines

Heat index below 104°F – we play.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make the ultimate decision as to the participation of their child in Sporting Columbia events when heat may be a factor, taking into consideration the age and physical condition of their child. Parents also have the ultimate responsibility to inform their child about the dangers of heat and need for protection, including sunscreen and proper hydration.

Cold Guidelines

Dry conditions, wind chill above 40°F, temperature above 40°F — we play.

Wet conditions (rain, drizzle, etc.), wind chill above 40°F, temperature above 48°F — we play.

Because conditions can change, these are merely guidelines used by staff/officials to aid in the decision of whether or not to play. Please dress appropriately for cold/wet-weather play.

Severe Weather Guidelines

If inclement weather moves in during a game, the onsite staff/officials will be watching for any condition that may affect the safety of the patrons. If any unsafe condition is identified by staff/officials, he/she will stop play and notify the Club Representative on site. If the unsafe condition is due to weather such as lightning/thunder, the Club Representative will monitor the storm activity with a Storm Warning device at the concession stand. If the lightning strike is within 10 miles of Cosmo Park, an airhorn alert will sound and all participants & spectators will need to clear the fields immediately to the safety of vehicles. Games will be delayed until there is no further lightning/thunder for 30 minutes or games may be cancelled if the storm does not pass.

Unsafe conditions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Excessive damage to the field or equipment
- Excessive water/snow
- High winds
- Lightning/Thunder
- Hail

Games may begin and either be delayed or cancelled should conditions warrant. Emails and social media posts will also be made to notify participants.