

# INCLEMENT WEATHER - TOURNAMENTS

Soccer is an all-weather sport, but participant safety is paramount. Individual games and the tournament as a whole may be impacted due to severe weather. This may include rain, lightning, high winds, hail, tornado warnings, or any other unforeseen incident that may be deemed a safety issue. Alamo City SC and the Tournament Director will follow the guidance of local and statewide weather reports. If there is severe weather in other areas of the state that pose travel risks to participants, the tournament may be impacted prior to the first day. For example, wide-scale flooding, tornadoes, large and severe weather systems and hurricanes. Recognizing that teams travel long distances and incur travel costs to participate, Alamo City SC and the Tournament Director will provide the earliest possible notice if the tournament is affected.

## LIGHTNING

In the event that lightning is detected within 12 miles of the tournament location, games will be stopped immediately. At that time, the fields **must** be cleared immediately. **No outdoor team/group/referee meetings are allowed during this time.** Field clearance means leaving the fields, trees and shelters and returning to **sit inside vehicles.** This is the safest course of action and is **mandatory**. The Tournament may resume once lightning has cleared 12 miles of the complex.

## GAME DAYS

Games may be stopped if a weather warning is issued that is deemed a safety issue to participants. All participants are required to follow the direction of Tournament staff, including clearing fields, etc. Based on several factors, including the time of day, length of the weather delay and the number of games remaining, the Tournament Director will make a determination to either resume play of stopped games or consider them complete. Games may be considered complete if one half has been played in full. If stopped games are not resumed, the standings will be updated with the results at the time the games were stopped. In addition, game start times and length of play may be modified to accommodate the remaining day's games. If a weather delay is in place for the remainder of the day and/or games are no longer playable (i.e. flooded fields, continuous high winds) any unplayed games may be cancelled and will not be rescheduled. The standings for that day will stand as-is.

## PLAYOFFS

**If the tournament is cancelled prior to the start of playoff games:**

- 1) No winner will be declared.

**If the tournament is cancelled after playoffs have started but prior to beginning the championship game:**

- 1) The winner will be declared from among the remaining playoff teams. The remaining playoff team with the most points over all regular and playoff games, will be declared the winner. Tournament tiebreakers will be used if needed.

**If a non-finals playoff game is stopped and unable to be resumed, the winner may be determined in one of two ways:**

- 1) The team in the lead when the game was stopped will be declared the winner.
- 2) Tied and scoreless games will go to penalty kicks to decide the winner.

**If a championship game has been stopped and and is unable to be resumed, the winner will be determined in one of three ways:**

- 3) The team in the lead when the game was stopped will be declared the winner.
- 4) Tied and scoreless games will go to penalty kicks to decide the winner, if the weather permits.
- 5) If weather does not permit penalty kicks, of the two teams playing in the championship game, the team with the most points over all regular and playoff games will be declared the winner. Tournament tiebreakers will be used if needed.