



Weather & Safety Policy

Required field, environmental, and participant-safety rules

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Soccer is our platform. Growth is our purpose.

Safety authority

Player safety overrides competition, schedule, convenience, and pressure to continue. Coaches, officials, designated safety personnel, and authorized Club leaders may stop, delay, relocate, shorten, or cancel an activity when conditions appear unsafe. A good-faith safety decision will be supported while reviewed.

Lightning and thunder

- At the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning, stop activity and clear the field immediately.
- Shelter in a substantial enclosed building or fully enclosed hard-topped vehicle. Dugouts, tents, trees, open shelters, and goals are not safe lightning shelter.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or observed lightning before resuming. Each new occurrence restarts the clock.
- Do not gather under trees, handle goals, or return for equipment until conditions are safe.

Heat and air quality

- Increase water and rest breaks, reduce intensity and equipment, seek shade, and modify duration based on heat, humidity, age, acclimatization, and participant condition.
- During high heat, plan water breaks at least every 15-20 minutes and allow players to drink whenever needed.
- Stop activity and evaluate any player with dizziness, confusion, fainting, unusual fatigue, cramps, vomiting, headache, loss of coordination, hot dry skin, or altered behavior. Call 911 for suspected heat stroke.
- Use credible air-quality information and modify or cancel activity when pollution or smoke creates unreasonable risk, especially for participants with asthma or other conditions.

Cold, storms, and field conditions

- Modify or cancel for dangerous wind chill, ice, snow, high winds, tornado watches or warnings, flooding, or severe storms.

- Never use a field with standing water, exposed holes, unstable goals, broken glass, sharp objects, unsafe surfaces, or other material hazards.
- Goals must be properly anchored. Players may not climb, hang from, or move goals without adult direction.

Injury and illness

- Coaches do not diagnose. Remove an injured or ill player when continued activity may be unsafe.
- For suspected concussion: remove immediately, no same-day return, notify the parent or guardian, document the incident, and require written clearance from an appropriate licensed healthcare professional before return.
- Call 911 for loss of consciousness, breathing difficulty, suspected cardiac arrest, severe bleeding, suspected spinal injury, seizure, severe allergic reaction, repeated vomiting, worsening neurologic symptoms, or any condition that appears life-threatening.
- Do not transport a seriously injured participant in a personal vehicle unless directed by emergency personnel.

Cancellation communication

Authorized leaders will communicate cancellations or changes through SportsYou or another approved channel as soon as practical. Families remain responsible for current contact information and may always withhold a child from participation when they reasonably believe conditions are unsafe.

Authority and related documents

This policy is adopted under the Official Governing Documents - Revision 2.0 and must be read consistently with them. If a conflict exists, the Articles of Incorporation, applicable law, and the bylaws control, in that order.

- Bylaws Article XIV - Safety, Risk Management, and Abuse Prevention
- Risk Management & Emergency Procedures
- Coach & Parent Communication Policy

Approval and revision control

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