



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY -

INDOOR WEATHER CLOSING are based upon the current conditions in the area, not anticipated snow falls. **Closing or a two (or more) hour delay will be announced via email!** If games are cancelled due to snow, they will not be rescheduled. Exceptions to this policy are only made when ample time is available in the facility to reschedule all games snowed out. If a game is not rescheduled, it will not count against the team. However, we have not had any closed games not scheduled in the past!

OUTDOOR WEATHER CLOSING:

INCLEMENT WEATHER

For the safety of all participants, Conquerors League Soccer~Futsal Academy adheres to the following thunder and lightning policy. If you see lightning or hear thunder, coaches must immediately suspend practice and all participants (players, coaches, spectators) should move to safe areas.

Each time thunder is heard or lightning is seen, play may not resume until 30 minutes has elapsed. This 30-minute wait period is restarted each time thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Coaches are responsible for monitoring conditions and should account for all players.

No one should take the field until 30 minutes have passed since the last thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Coaches who do not adhere to this policy are subject to suspension or other disciplinary action.

What is safe shelter?

- Inside a vehicle with windows closed
- Inside a sturdy building (not a baseball dugout, shed, or under an overhang of a building)

What should you avoid?

- Light poles, isolated trees, goals, benches, fences, sheds, bikes.
- Do not lean against vehicles
- Avoid groups and stay several yards away from other people.

It is the policy of the Conquerors League Soccer~Futsal Academy to remain open during most periods of inclement weather; however, where extraordinary circumstances warrant, due to weather or other unforeseen games/training interruption, the Conquerors League Soccer~Futsal Academy reserves the right to close the facility. The Conquerors League Soccer~Futsal Academy makes a decision by noon during periods of such inclement weather!

The game of soccer is often times played in inclement weather so leagues, tournaments & camps will operate as such. Should the rain be heavy or thunderstorms are present then the procedure for coaches & parents will be to pick up their children from camp.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POLICY

Thunderstorms, Rain, and Lightning

Once you hear Thunder and or see Lightning, you must seek shelter until 30 minutes from the last sound of Thunder and or vision of Lightning.

Generally, rain alone shall not be a reason to suspend or terminate a game, unless it renders the field and playing conditions unsafe for play, (e.g. waterlogged field). Should rain occur during a game, the match will be allowed to continue to the point where playing conditions are considered by the Referee to be unsafe for the players. In these circumstances, the Referee shall advise both coaches about the playing condition and suspend the game. Play may be restarted if the Referee determines that the field's playing conditions are safe enough, provided this occurs within the scheduled time allocated for the game.

In circumstances where lightening flashes are seen within the proximity of the soccer field, it must be remembered that the primary responsibility of the Coaches and the Referee is the safety of the players. Therefore, the Referee shall suspend the game and request that all players, coaches, and spectators leave the field and seek safe shelter. **Remember that most teenage Referees do not have cars available to provide them shelter. Please ensure that a parent provides a safe place for the Referee to wait.** The game shall not be restarted until 20 minutes after the last bolt of lightning has been seen in the vicinity of the soccer field, provided that the field is in a safe and playable condition. In the event that the game cannot be restarted within the time scheduled for the play, the Referee shall terminate the game and record in the official game report the circumstances for such termination. The Coaches shall contact their Player Director to determine if the game will be replayed. If it is replayed, it shall be replayed in its entirety.

You can tell how far away lightning struck by counting seconds between the flash and the thunder. Every 5 seconds equals one mile, so if you count 10 seconds until you hear the thunder, the lightning flash was 2 miles away. Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles away from a storm. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, that is the time to take action. Go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

The following are guidelines on how to proceed:

- **Get into** a building or a **hard topped** car.
- **Never** use a tree as a shelter.
- **Avoid** areas that are higher than the surrounding landscape.

- **Keep away** from metal objects including soccer goals, bikes, fencing, etc.
- **Avoid** standing near tall objects.
- Immediately **get out and away from** pools, lakes, and other bodies of water.
- If **shelter is not available**, spread out, don't stand in a crowd of people. . Put your feet together. Place hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder.
- If you feel a **tingling sensation** or your hair stands on end, lightning may be about to strike! Immediately crouch down and cover your ears. **Do not** lie down or place your hands on the ground.
- **Victims** of lightning shock should be administered CPR if necessary, and seek medical attention immediately.