

## **SEVERE WEATHER, HEAT, AND FIELD CONDITIONS POLICY**

- The tournament Official/Committee may cancel or shorten some or all games due to severe weather or adverse field conditions, if in its sole judgment continued play may be hazardous to the safety of participants and/or officials.
- If play in any game is temporarily suspended due to severe weather or adverse field conditions, the game's re-start may not run past the scheduled start time of the next game assigned to that field.
  - Games which cannot be re-started will be considered complete if one half has elapsed before play is stopped.
  - Games which cannot be completed before a first half has elapsed shall have a recorded score of 0-0 for the tournament rankings.
  - Coaches are responsible to keep players on site for a maximum of 40 minutes if a game is called prior to the end of the first half.
- Cancellation of individual games or the tournament due to severe weather or adverse field conditions does not entitle participating teams to any refunds of entry fees.
- In the event of severe weather, seek shelter immediately. Cars, with windows rolled up, or buses can provide good shelter. Please go there in the event of lightning and wait for the weather to clear.
- Heat and humidity may cause severe problems also. A heat index chart will be used to monitor the conditions. As conditions change colored flags will be used to direct the referees and tournament officials to adjust the games by adding water breaks and/or shortening the halves.