



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When suspending an outdoor contest, the following policies apply:

- A. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard, the contest must be suspended immediately. The occurrence of lightning or thunder is not subject to interpretation or discussion — lightning is lightning; thunder is thunder.
- B. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard, and the contest is suspended, all contestants and support personnel must seek shelter immediately. Contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for at least 30 minutes.
- C. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to designated safe shelters during the suspension.

In considering the resumption of competition, the following steps shall be followed:

- A. The delay due to weather conditions must not exceed one hour. If conditions do not improve within this time frame, the contest should be postponed or canceled based on the circumstances.
- B. The decision to resume the contest within the time frame must be made by the Sports Lead, who shall make a reasonable effort to consult the Sports Director. If the Sports Director is unavailable, the Sports Lead(s) has the authority to make the decision independently.
- C. In the final decision-making process, the following factors must be considered:
 1. Safety and Liability: The safety of all participants, the condition of the facilities/fields, and potential liability risks.
 2. Future Schedules: The impact on future schedules and the necessity of playing the contest.
 3. Quality of Options: The quality and feasibility of all available options, including postponement, relocation, or cancellation.