

Gaylord Soccer League

Weather Policy

Thunder/Lightning

Practice

The fields must be vacated if lightning is seen or thunder is heard. Evacuation must be done immediately. Time must not be taken to pick up balls, cones, etc. Shelter should be taken in vehicles or a fully enclosed building. The pavilion should only be used as a last resource. There must be a full 15 minute interval between thunder/lightning events before reentering the fields.

Even if the sky is clear over head a lightning strike can originate miles from where it hits. The soccer complex has thousands of feet of water filled irrigation pipe which makes it a prime target for lightning.

Games

The same guidelines are to be followed for games as in practices. The referee is responsible for halting the game and instructing the coaches to vacate the field. A signal from an air horn may also be used by a league official.

National Weather Service Warnings

The fields must remain vacated during any of the following warnings posted by the NWS for Otsego County: Thunder Storm, Tornado, Hail, High Wind, and Winter Storm.

Coaches, please remember that you are responsible for the safety of your team. Do not take severe weather lightly. If there is any question as to the severity of weather conditions it is best to follow the motto "better safe than sorry."