

### **Foul Weather Cancellations at CSL**

Conditions that could warrant changing of the schedule-excessive (standing) water/snow on all or parts of field(s), current rain/snow falling, inclement weather.

Several scenarios that could be employed-cancel all league games, cancel all games for a certain field, postpone all games for a specified amount of time, or reschedule games from one field to another field.

This applies to both recreation/advanced games on Saturdays and travel games on Sunday and applies only to games scheduled to be played at CSL. For games outside our complex – the respective hotlines for the fields in questions should be called.

### **Day of games.**

OPS (any other board members who desire to be present are welcomed and your input will be heard) to make final determination by 7:00 am or whomever the President assigns on making the call to cancel if OPS is not available. OPS should contact the President or VP (if President is not available) to contact those below.

Message for all will be:

- 1) all games at CSL on (date) are cancelled or
- 2) all games at CSL are to be played on (date) until further notice
- 3) only games scheduled to be played on fields (list each field affected) on (date) are canceled
- 4) all games scheduled at CSL for (date) have been postponed/delayed for (amount of time) to be determined, example: 2 hours, 3 hours, etc.

When weather conditions dictates the cancel of game(s), notice will go in this order:

1. website (website master)
2. mass e-mail (website master)
3. Board members - Rec/Adv/Travel will contact their teams, coordinators, etc.
4. Hotline (administrator)
5. Referees – (TD to assignor)
6. Facilitators – (Facilitator coordinator)
7. Pictures – (Paula Hasson)

### **At the fields.**

The board member on duty will make the call to cancel along with the referee at the field. Board member on duty should contact those below.

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### **Lightning/thunder.**

Local lightning shall always be considered hazardous. In the event of lightning or thunder all play must stop. Retreat to a building or car (not a convertible). Lightning can strike up to 6 miles away from the base of the thunderstorm. Play may resume after 30 minutes from the last evidence of lightning or thunder.

\*Assume games will be played unless those listed above receive notice from the league to the contrary. If games are played, each referee will use own discretion when calling off a game due to lightning, bad weather and/or poor field conditions. If a game is suspended due to weather, it may resume if the weather subsides and if there's still time on the clock. If game cannot resume by end of time, the score at the time

of suspension stands as final score. We try to provide as much advance notice as possible about game cancellations.

Reasons for NOT using wet fields:

The use of sports fields when the turf is wet creates ruts, worn areas, and compacts the soil, which reduces turf grass growth (i.e. goal mouth areas). This use results in long-term damage to the turf, which reduces the quality of the playing surface. These problems create unsafe playing conditions and impact field availability, which results in lengthy and costly maintenance repairs to the fields.

Inclement weather sports field usage guidelines:

1. The onus is on the user group to assess playability, when deciding to use a field after or during rain:
  - If there is standing water, i.e., puddles of water on the field -- do not use the field.
  - If water squishes under foot when you walk on the turf – do not use the field.
2. Play it safe – if unsure on whether to play or not error on the side of caution and do not play.