

## **U15 & U19 WEATHER POLICY**

**If you have a game scheduled, you should arrive at your game unless you have been notified via Bay-Lakes Rained Out.** Referees may elect to cancel the game, play the game, or delay the start of the game. If a game being played is cancelled or delayed, it is the responsibility of parents and players to leave the field and seek shelter immediately. Games can be delayed by as much as 45 minutes and still play half of the game, which is enough for an official game. Coaches **cannot** cancel game. **If the earlier game(s) are cancelled, you must still be at the field for the start of the later game(s) to determine if the game will be played.** Cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page as the Strikers are notified. **Bay-Lakes RainedOut** account will be used to notify players and families of games cancelled ahead of time for **U15 & U19.**

Weather conditions to be aware of:

- **Extreme Heat:** When the temperature is above 90 degrees AND the heat index is at a danger level, 5:30 or earlier games will be suspended by Bay-Lakes or the referee and may be rescheduled at another time. Later games may still be played but will have longer and/or more frequent breaks. Please bring extra fluids to extreme heat games.
- **Extreme Cold:** When the temperature drops below 30 degrees AND the wind chill index is at a temperature below zero degrees, then the game will be suspended by Bay-Lakes or the referee. It may be rescheduled at another time.
- **Lightning/Thunder:** In the event of a storm, play must be stopped and suspended by the referee, at the field, until the danger has passed, using the following criteria as a minimum:
  - Sighting of a lightning flash or the hearing of the associated thunder shall be reason to stop and suspend a game.
  - Play shall not be resumed prior to 30-minutes after the last sighting of lightning or the last sound of thunder heard.
- **Visibility:** When standing at one goal you can't see the other goal; the game may be suspended by the referee at the field.
- **Wind:** When the ball is placed on level ground and it does not remain stationary, the game may be suspended by the referee at the field.
- **Field Conditions:** When a field is in poor or dangerous playing condition, games may be suspended or relocated by Bay-Lakes, the district, or the referee at the field.

If a parent requests that their child leave the game because they are uncomfortable with the playing conditions the coach must honor the request.

### **Sign-up for Bay-Lakes RainedOut (U15 & U19)**

RainedOut and Bay-Lakes.org will be the primary forms of communication in the event of cancellations and severe weather for games cancelled **prior to start times.** Game determinations will most often take place **at the field.**

To sign-up:

1. Go to [rainedout.com](http://rainedout.com)
2. Search for "Bay-Lakes SAY"
3. Enter your phone number or email and accept user agreements.
4. Enter the validation code that RainedOut sends to your phone
5. **Done!** No need to enter a "Group Keyword"