



WEATHER POLICY

If you have a game scheduled, YOU SHOULD ARRIVE AT YOUR GAME and see what determination is made by the REFEREES AT GAME TIME. They may elect to call the game, play the game, or delay the start of the game. 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 MAY NOT cancel games. REFEREES must arrive at the game on time (10-15 minutes early) and make a determination as to whether the game can be played. If the earlier game(s) are cancelled, YOU MUST STILL BE AT THE FIELD FOR THE START OF LATER GAME(S) to again determine if the game can be played. If games are called off early in the day, you can check the front page of bay-lakes.org website or receive notifications via “RAINEDOUT” (see below on how to sign up).

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 indicates a temperature below zero degrees, then the game will be suspended by Bay-Lakes or the referee and 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 parent's request.

RAINED OUT WEATHER UPDATES- U-19's ONLY

Weather related updates may be communicated via "RAINEDOUT" and on the bay-lakes.org website. Please be aware that games are normally only called off at GAME TIME due to the weather conditions at GAME TIME. Sign up at for "RAINEDOUT" cell phone texts or email notification alerts at bay-lakes.org Games may be PRE-CANCELLED due to field conditions or heat.

U-6 thru U-15 will be contacted by phone from the Strikers.