

Green Bay Strikers Weather Policy for U6-U12 Teams

The Green Bay Strikers Board of Directors has formed a Weather Committee to centralize the cancellation of games due to weather for U6-U12 teams. Weather reports and radar data will be used to monitor severe weather such as lightning and heat.

The decision to cancel games will be made by 3pm on gameday if possible. Announcements will be made through the Strikers website and Facebook page. IF YOU DO NOT SEE A CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT, REPORT TO THE FIELD AS SCHEDULED. Referees may cancel games locally due to weather or field conditions. Coaches may not cancel games, except for the U6 division and other select games when a referee is not present.

There will be no delays for U6-U12 divisions due to weather. If severe weather is observed, the remainder of the game is canceled. Later games will be played if the weather has passed. *Players, families, coaches, and referees must leave the field and seek shelter immediately.*

Referees must arrive at the field 15 minutes before game time and make a determination as to whether the game can be played. If the earlier game(s) are canceled, referees must return to the field 15 minutes before the start of the second game to again determine if the second game can be played.

At all times, parents are encouraged to make the right decisions for their players and their families. If you feel it is necessary to not allow your child to play, that is always your right. 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.

Weather conditions to be aware of:

- ***When the heat index is above 100 degrees and not expected to come down prior to game time, all 5:30 games will be canceled. The later games will be played unless there is clear indication that the heat will not come down. Heat indexes of 95-100 will result in additional time being taken for water breaks between quarters and at halftime. Please bring extra fluids to games when it is very warm out.***
- 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 canceled.
- ***Lightning/Thunder: Sighting of a lightning flash or the hearing of the associated thunder shall result in stopping the game and canceling the game.***
- 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 canceled by the referee at the field.

Please note, this is a general policy and specific decisions about game cancellations will be made on a case-by-case basis.