



BAY - LAKES SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH - KIDS HAVING FUN

BAY-LAKES SAY

ALLOUEZ-ASHWAUBENON-DE PERE/WRIGHTSTOWN
GREEN BAY KICKERS-GREEN BAY STRIKERS-HOWARD-PULASKI

Bay-Lakes SAY Weather Policy

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1. 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. Later matches may still be played but should incorporate longer and/or more frequent breaks. Plenty of fluids should be available.
2. Extreme Cold: When the temperature drops below 30 degrees AND the wind chill index indicates a temperature below zero degrees, then the match should be suspended by “Bay-Lakes” or the referee and may be rescheduled at another time.
3. 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.
 - a. Sighting of a lightning flash or the hearing of the associated thunder shall be reason to stop and suspend a game.
 - b. play shall not be resumed prior to 30-minutes after the last sighting of lightning or the last sound of thunder heard.
4. Visibility: When standing at one goal you can't see the other goal, the game may be suspended by the referee at the field.
5. 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.
6. Field Conditions: When a field is in poor or dangerous playing condition, games may be suspended or relocated by “Bay-Lakes” a district or the referee.

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

Please be aware that games are normally only called off **at GAME TIME** due to weather conditions **AT GAME TIME**. 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 more than 45 minutes and still play half of the game, which is enough for an official game. Coaches **MAY NOT** cancel games.

- If there is a Watch or threat of severe weather– host clubs have the discretion for cancellation. **Communication by the host club needs to be shared with all teams playing at the fields.** Warnings are automatic cancellation.
- IF the weather is bad enough then everyone needs to cancel with a Bay Lakes Quorum. (4 clubs in agreement)

If you are a **REFEREE**, you must arrive at the game on time (10-15 minutes before the scheduled start time) and make a determination as to whether the game can be played. Remember that you may delay the start and still have an official game if at least 1/2 of the game can be played. If early 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 you are at the field at the scheduled start time and the game is cancelled, you will be paid. If you are not at the field at the scheduled start time, you will not be paid.

This has occurred in past years due to poor conditions of fields, extreme heat or extreme cold but it is **rare** for this to occur. Bay-Lakes games are played across a wide geographic area (Wrightstown, DePere, Howard, Pulaski, Green Bay, etc), so the only reasonable way to handle game cancellations is to allow the referees to make the determination at game time.