



NWISL POLICY 114

SUBJECT: SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

In NWISL the safety of players and participants is of utmost importance. Soccer fields can be a dangerous place during severe weather.

- You are in danger if you can see lightning.
- You are in danger if you can hear lightning.
- Lightning often travels sideways as far as 10 miles and can strike away from any rainfall even when skies are blue.

1. SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

- A) At parks or communities that have EARLY LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEMS.
- BY LAW WE MUST ABIDE BY THESE SYSTEMS.** If the siren goes off, the field **must** be cleared at once! Until an all clear siren is sounded, the game may not continue.
 - If after 30 minutes the all clear is not sounded, then the game is ended.
 - If you have finished the 1st half, **THE GAME IS FINAL.**
 - If 1st half is not completed, the game will be rescheduled by the club reps.
- B) In the case of those parks or communities that do not have these systems, it is the responsibility of the referee to call the game. **THIS MEANS THAT IF ANY LIGHTNING IS SIGHTED OR THUNDER IS HEARD (AT ALL)** the field **must** be cleared at once!
- If after 30 minutes, the condition does not change the game is ended.
 - If you have finished the 1st half, **THE GAME IS FINAL.**
 - If 1st half is not completed, the game will be rescheduled by the club reps.
- C) If the same referee is scheduled to ref the next game, he or she should wait until its start time to see if weather conditions change, and if the game can be played.

A club rep is the only one that can close the field for the day.

COACHES MUST RESPECT THE REFEREE'S CALL IN THIS MATTER