



Weather Policy

Adverse weather conditions are out SYSA's control and may cancel SYSA events. Adverse weather conditions may include but not limited to; poor air quality, flooding, fires, severe rain, high winds, severe snow and ice, lightning, etc.

Please see the Lightning Policy below for procedures for lightning occurrences during SYSA events.

Soccer may be played in the bad weather.

Football, Rugby, Cross Country continue rain or shine.

Baseball, Softball, Track continue if at all possible but are subject to cancellation due to rain.

Unfortunately, SYSA events cancelled for adverse weather conditions may not be re-scheduled due to limited field availability or season time restraints. No refunds will be given for missed games.

Cancellations will be announced via an email and/or posted on the SYSA website by 3 PM.

Games/meets not cancelled by 3 PM are determined playable, or not, by the officials and head coaches.

Lightning

Officials and coaches make decisions based on recommendations from the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) using the flash-to-bang method regarding suspensions & terminations of games/practices due to lightning.

Flash-to-bang method:

- count the seconds from the time the lightning is sighted to when the clap of thunder is heard
- If clap of thunder is heard within 30 seconds of the lightning flash, then all games/practices are suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- Games/practices do not resume for at least 30 minutes after the last flash-to-bang of less than 30 seconds.

When games/practices are suspended due to lightning, individuals should leave the game site and seek a safe structure or location.