

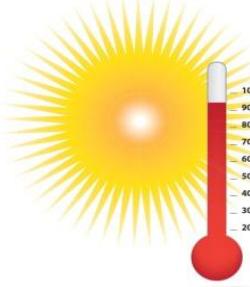


## Weather Conditions Guidelines

### SCOPE

**These guidelines apply to House League games only**

and should be followed when weather or field conditions may not appear suitable for playing.



### 1.0 ADVERSE WEATHER

1.2 All Ontario Soccer (OS) clubs and Associations should be following the Canadian Soccer (CS) Lightning Safety/Severe Weather Policy. Safety of players, coaches, management and spectators is the primary concern any time there is severe weather or lightning. This policy was updated in 2017 and can be found at the following link:

[http://www.canadasoccer.com/files/LIGHTNING\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.canadasoccer.com/files/LIGHTNING_Policy.pdf)

1.3 All OTFC Referees and Field Supervisors for U5/U6 (hereafter referred to as Referee) must be aware of this policy and are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during games they are controlling.

### 2.0 FIELD CONDITIONS

2.1 While the OS guidelines and the CS policy address severe weather, heat and lightning, there are other instances which may cause a game to be cancelled (or suspended) such as unsafe or unplayable field conditions.



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## 3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Given the crowded nature of our program schedules and the limited availability of fields, OTFC is unable to reschedule or replay any development league games, clinics or practices which are cancelled or suspended due to weather or field conditions. Therefore, every effort will be made to proceed with scheduled games, practices and clinics as long as it is safe to do so.
- 3.2 When field conditions are an issue, games will sometimes be cancelled at some or all fields ahead of time. Such announcements will be posted on the home page of the ottawatfc.com website no later than 90 minutes ahead of the scheduled kickoff time.
- 3.3 If there is no announcement on the OTFC website, parents and/or players should proceed to the soccer field even if the weather appears to be poor. The decision whether a game will be made at the field by the most senior Referee present. Such decisions are final.
- 3.4 If the weather is unfavourable, parents and/or players may wait in their cars until either the weather clears or the game is cancelled or suspended by the Referee. Coaches may be consulted but, ultimately, the Referee or Field supervisor will have the final decision.
- 3.5 If a team does not show up, then that team will be deemed to have forfeited the game even if the Referee cancels the game at the field.
- 3.6 If severe weather occurs during the game, Referees have the discretion to delay a game up to **30 minutes** to see if the weather will clear. If it does not, the Referee will stop the game and report the stoppage to the Referee-in-Chief.
- 3.7 If a game is cancelled or stopped by the Referee due to weather, visibility, or unsafe or unplayable field conditions before the completion of 1/2 of the normal playing time for that division, the game shall be considered incomplete. Games cancelled or stopped in the final half of normal playing time will be considered complete.



## EXTERNAL REFERENCE

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by the OTFC Board of Directors