



## **Tournament Referees Inclement Weather and Game Delay Policies/Procedures**

Referees working tournament games need to be prepared with all proper referee gear and equipment to get through variable weather conditions. Plan ahead now and be sure that your bag is packed with warm and cold gear. As everyone knows the weather in Colorado is interesting and we must plan for all scenarios.

It is essential that the referees keep games running on time! First games of the day must kickoff on time or a couple minute earlier to help with the success of the day. Keeping the fields running on time helps ensure that all teams get as much play as possible in the event of inclement weather and delays. Referees should not be the reason for a delayed kickoff.

### **Important Information for Weather Delays**

- If the inclement weather moves into the area decisions about clearing fields will come from the tournament site coordinators. Complexes will be cleared together, it is not an individual field decision. Warning sirens and Air Horns will signal when fields need to be cleared.
- In the event that fields are cleared for weather delays – DO NOT LEAVE THE COMPLEX
- Only information referees provide to coaches/teams – DO NOT LEAVE THE COMPLEX
- Everyone should go to cars or nearby shelter and wait for instructions
- Document the time/score of the game when it was suspended this information will be requested when determined how games will be restarted. Remember at what point you stopped play so you know how to properly restart the game
- Assignors will contact you for the status of your game
- Tournament staff will meet to prepare a plan for resuming with competition
- When the all clear is given do not restart your game without knowing the instructions from the referee headquarters. All referees must follow the same procedure.

### **Worst case scenario:**

- Games in progress will not resume –
  - Referees must complete the official game report card with the time and score upon being suspended. Game report must be submitted at referee headquarters.
  - Player passes and rosters must be turned in at Tournament Headquarters before you leave the field. Double check your referee bag! Do not take passes and rosters – teams need them back for their next game and they are instructed to pick them up from headquarters.

### **Highly Recommended – Text Message Notices**

Gameofficials.net provides you the opportunity to receive updates via text message – if you do not have your personal account set to receive the text messages it is recommended during the tournament weekends. This setup is done in your personal Gameofficials.net account in the My Info page – Cell Phone/Pager/Email Notices.

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