



Referees –

Well it was only a matter of time until Mother Nature caught up with us! This weekend's forecast includes cooler temperatures and chance of rain. Of course we all know that can change in CO, but let's be prepared, just in case. Please read the information provided for suggestions and procedures regarding the weather and field information.

Plan accordingly – do you have cold weather gear packed in your referee bag? Now is the time to check! Don't get caught at the fields unprepared!

- On cold weather days please make yourself comfortable. If you are cold and miserable that will be on your mind. As referees our focus needs to be the game, regardless of weather conditions that we must endure. Please prepare in advance so that you will be able to concentrate on the game and do a quality job on the field.
- If you need to wear warm gear the primary color should be black. Wear long sleeves under your jersey. The referee jersey is to be visible; jerseys need to be the top layer.
- Hats, headbands, gloves are acceptable – please wear black.

Field Information/Closures

- **GameOfficials.net** provides a Field Information hotline phone numbers and/or a website with every game assignment. These phone numbers and websites are provided for you so that you can check the status of games and field closures.
- Please check these numbers yourself. SoccerColorado staff uses these same hotline numbers to learn of closures. You will receive the same information that we do by calling these phone numbers.
- **SoccerColorado** will post information on <http://www.soccercolorado.net/Fields%20and%20Weather.html> as it is received.
- It is important to check these hotline numbers prior to heading to the field, no matter what time of the day you are scheduled to work. Weather does not always affect the full day of games, for example if fields are closed in the morning, they may still play games in the afternoon or vice versa.
- If no current update is recorded/posted for the date of games you **MUST** go to the fields. No update means that the fields are open and games will play.
- It is the responsibility of the referees to consider the safety of playing conditions. Should the weather decline and worsen throughout the day, please use your common sense and make a smart decision about playing or continuing a game. As the referee crew keep the players safe! Please communicate with the site coordinators/mentors, and assignors as needed regarding game decisions.

- GameOfficials.net Text message feature – some of you may already receive updates regarding assignments via text message. With a weekend of questionable weather ahead of us you may want to set up your account to receive text message alerts for every game – this will text your cancelations should you be at the fields and conditions worsen or field closures take place. If you have unlimited texting messaging plan this is strongly recommended.
- You can find this option in My Information – expand the **±Cell / Pager / Email Notices** and select “one per game” option. Check the boxes for game changes and game cancellations.
- SoccerColorado will also post updates on Twitter – text – Follow SoccerColorado to 40404

Of course now we will all be prepared in the event we do have some inclement weather and it will end up being a sunny, beautiful, fall weekend. Being prepared is best, have a great weekend.

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