

Blue River Soccer Association

Severe Weather Policy



1. **Lightning** - When **lightning is within 20 mile radius of BRSA fields**, immediately suspend all games/or practices and move all members into a safe location. Do not delay. Evacuate quickly.

- A. Board members will monitor lightening in the area using the WeatherBug app. Fairland Airport location is used as reference.
- B. Director on Duty is responsible for monitoring lightening in the area and announcing closure.
- C. It is the responsibility of all board members, coaches, and referees to assure all participants are moved to a safe location. There are two safe locations located at the BRSA fields. This does not include any grass area on the fields. Immediately leave the fields. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players are evacuated to a safe location.
 - (I) All participants must be seated in their appropriate vehicles.
 - (II) Board members should remain in the concession stand/building until a plan for the games have been determined or until it is unsafe to remain at the facility.
- D. Director on Duty will evaluate the fields 30 minutes from the last lightning strike. If the lightening has moved out of the 20 mile radius at that time, fields will be reopened at the time and games may continue. If closure is continued, situation will be evaluated every 30 minutes until clear or fields closed.
 - (I) An air horn signal set off by Director on Duty will signify the closure and re-opening of the field.
 - (A) ONE LONG blast will signal the fields are closed–SEEK SHELTER.
 - (B) TWO SHORT blasts will signal the fields are re-opened for play.
- E. If it is apparent that the severe weather will not pass and the games must be cancelled or suspended the following guidelines will be followed:
 - (I) If the match was in the first half, the match will be re-scheduled and play will begin with a whole new match.
 - (II) If the match was in the second half, the match will end with the result at the time of the stoppage. Games will be re-scheduled based on availability, contact board for details.

2. **Tornadoes** - if a **Tornado Watch** or **Tornado Warning** exist for Shelby or surrounding counties, all games and practices are **SUSPENDED**. Games will be re-scheduled based on availability.

3. **Hail** - When hail is seen immediately SUSPEND all games and/or practices and move all members into a safe location. Also, follow guidelines for Lightning and Thunder.

BRSA will make every attempt to hold all practices and/or games. Sometimes, however, for the safety of all involved practices and/or games may need to be cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather and/or field conditions. In the event that games have to be cancelled, BRSA will make every attempt to reschedule them if at all possible. Practices will not be made up.

The best way to determine whether or not games are cancelled is to check the BRSA website. Check “FIELD STATUS” on middle of page, right. Fields will be listed as OPEN or CLOSED.

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