



Real Colorado Tournaments Severe Weather Information

In May and June in Colorado, thunderstorms can be a daily occurrence. Should a storm enter the area of play, please note these procedures:

- 1) If lightning detectors indicate close lightning, the site director will delay games by sounding multiple blasts of the horn.***
- 2) If a game official feels that play is unsafe due to lightning, he/she can suspend an ongoing game at any time. Only the site director may determine whether the game is terminated.
- 3) If play is ended due to lightning, EVERYONE ON THE FIELD MUST GO TO THEIR CARS OR SEEK SHELTER IN A BUILDING (not an open-sided pavilion) IMMEDIATELY!
- 4) In the absence of appropriate weather tracking technology, the standard rule for the safe resumption of play is *30 minutes* from the last close lightning strike. Real Colorado utilizes lightning detectors for making the determination regarding ending and resuming play due to lightning. ***
- 5) Once it is felt by the site director and the game officials that it is safe to return to the fields, ONE long blast of the horn (ALL CLEAR) will be sounded. Games must be resumed within 10 minutes of the sounding of the horn.
- 6) It will be up to the site director to determine if game lengths should be adjusted to make up for weather delays. All game officials will get their information directly from the site referee coordinator who will be in constant communication with the Site Director.
- 7) *It is the team coach's responsibility to be in touch with the Site Director and their center referee to ascertain the status of their game, should there be a lightning or weather delay. NO team should leave the site until they have ascertained the status. The penalty for not reporting back to your field and being ready to play within 10 minutes of the ALL CLEAR signal will be forfeiture, as detailed in the Tournament Rules.*
- 8) **PLEASE BE SAFE!**

*** ***Dick's Sporting Goods Park*** is equipped with weather tracking technology such that one long blast and announcements will be made if lightning is within 10 mis. of the complex.

- This state-of-the-art system may allow the resumption of play prior to 30 minutes, but this will be at the determination of the Tournament Director.
- DSGP also has an advance public address system which will be used to notify all tournament participants of conditions and announcements.
- All play will resume within 10 mins. of the "ALL CLEAR" signal.

*** ***Broomfield Commons Park*** is equipped with an automatic lightning detection system. If lightning strikes within 10 miles of the Park, there will be one long blast signifying the immediate clearing of fields.

- Three short blasts will signify "ALL CLEAR". Teams will have 10 minutes to return to their field for play to be resumed.