



# Indy Premier Soccer Club Tournament Severe Weather Plan

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Indy Premier Soccer Club and the Tournament Committee wish to provide a competitive and safe environment for all participants. Weather conditions can change rapidly, and can cause delays, changes in schedules, and potentially dangerous conditions. Indy Premier and the Tournament Committee are dedicated to monitoring weather conditions to ensure the safety of all players, coaches, referees, and spectators as participants in the Indy Premier Turf Invitational.

## **Tournament Responsibilities**

Indy Premier staff and Tournament Committee personnel will monitor weather conditions to determine the need for actions to clear fields, modify schedules, relocate fields, or cancel events. Full time internet weather radar is utilized to stay abreast of weather conditions. When severe weather is imminent, on-site notification will be accomplished with air horns, as well as communications to all Field Marshalls and other Tournament Committee personnel for dissemination to participants on the fields.

The primary source of information regarding weather related updates will be website and tournament registration software (GotSport), as well as on-site communication to teams, spectators, and referees.

## **Participant Responsibilities**

When notified of severe weather conditions, it is the responsibility of each participant to follow the instructions of the Tournament Committee. If weather conditions dictate being sent to vehicles, participants are asked NOT TO LEAVE THE TOURNAMENT SITE unless instructed to do so. Games may be started at any time after suspension, and failure to be ready to participate when play is resumed will cause that team to forfeit. For the latest weather-related information, participants are asked to check website and tournament registration software (GotSport) communications.

## **Severe Weather Conditions (lightning, thunder, high winds, etc) Alerts and Actions**

- Air horn sounded
- Website updated and tournament registration software (GotSport) communication sent.
- Games suspended and all participants sent to vehicles.
- Each time thunder is heard, or lightning spotted, there must be a 30-minute waiting period with no additional thunder or lightning before players may get back on the fields

Every effort will be made to play all scheduled games. The tournament director reserves the right to determine when and if games are to be postponed or shortened. Any delays due to inclement weather will be subtracted from the game time. If a large delay occurs, the tournament committee may change the site of subsequent games.

- Games will be played unless lightning is sighted, thunder is heard, or the field conditions present a risk of player injury.
- Games will be considered completed if the first half has been completed in full.