

Cape Cod Challenge Cup - Hazardous Weather Policy

Cape Cod Challenge Cup Memorial Day Tournament will proceed in all types of inclement weather (rain, wind, snow, etc). However, should hazardous weather conditions exist (Severe Storm Advisories, Thunderstorms, Lightening of any sort, Hail, etc) then the following policies will be in effect.

1. Hazardous Weather Condition

The determination of a Hazardous Weather Condition is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director (with an exception if the Tournament Director cannot be reached as outlined below), who will monitor weather conditions through local news media, weather radar, and through reports provided via the On-Site Coordinator, Field Marshals and other Tournament Officials

- a. Any Tournament Official, Field Marshal, or Referee who sees lightening is to notify the Tournament Director immediately.
- b. If the Tournament Director is unavailable or unreachable, the On-Site Coordinator, Field Marshal, or Referee Coordinator is to stop the games in their immediate vicinity (see below) until the Tournament Director can be reached.

2. Communication of Hazardous Weather

If the Tournament Director determines that a Hazardous Weather Condition exists, he/she will notify the On-Site Coordinator, Field Marshals and other tournament officials via walkie-talkie and cell phone and a blast of an air horn.

Field Marshals and other Tournament Officials will notify referees to stop games immediately.

Players, Coaches, Spectators, and Tournament Volunteers are to seek shelter immediately. Primary source of shelter will be the cars that people arrived in to the tournament. Coaches are responsible to ensure that their team seeks appropriate shelter.

3. Stoppage and Restart of Games

The Tournament Director or Referee Coordinator is responsible for stopping and re-starting games.

If there is less than 10 minutes remaining in the second half of the game, the game will be considered complete, with the exception of playoff games.

Once a referee is notified that a game is to be stopped by the field marshal or other tournament official, the referee will note the time remaining in the game on the score card and return to the referee tent to await further instructions.

For incomplete games interrupted by dangerous weather, the following rules will apply:

Coaches are encouraged to remain near the registration tent where the main notification of a restart will be initially given.

Games will restart on the next half-hour a minimum of 15 minutes since the last sighting of lightening or existence of dangerous weather.

Teams will be given a minimum 15 minute notification that play is to restart.

Teams not ready to start on the half hour will be given 10 minutes to assemble their team or forfeit the game.

Play will restart with a drop ball a) in the kick-off spot in the center circle, and b) the remaining time left in the match will be played.

4. Cancellation of Play

If games are unable to be rescheduled that same day, the following rules will apply:

Non-competitive (U9 and U10) teams will be awarded their participation trophy.

Cancelled games will not be re-scheduled.

Competitive teams (U12 and above)

- o Will be given the opportunity to make up their games on the following day (Sunday or Monday) at the Tournament Director's discretion and at a time and place determined by the Tournament Director. Teams will be notified via e-mail of the time and location of their games by 8:00pm on the evening of the cancelled game.
- o Games (including play-offs) may be held on Memorial Day (Monday) at the Tournament Director's discretion. Teams will be notified via e-mail of the time and location of their games by 8:00pm on Sunday evening.
- o Teams deciding not to play their remaining rescheduled games as determined by the Tournament Director will forfeit those games and not be eligible for a refund.
- o Any games unable to be rescheduled by continued inclement weather or lack of field space by Monday evening will result in a pro-rated refund to be determined by the Tournament Director. Tournament costs and expenses will apply to the refund. Which divisions have their playoffs cancelled is completely at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

5. Tournament Cancellation Policy:

In the event the entire tournament is cancelled, the tournament's policy is to refund entry fees after all costs are recovered.