

GREEN BAY STRIKERS WEATHER POLICY FOR U6-U12 TEAMS

The Green Bay Strikers Board of Directors has formed a Weather Committee to centralize the cancellation of games due to weather for U6-U12 teams. Weather reports and radar data will be used to monitor severe weather such as lightning and heat.

The decision to cancel games will be made by 3pm on game day. Announcements will be made through the Strikers website and Facebook page. IF YOU DO NOT SEE A CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT, REPORT TO THE FIELD AS SCHEDULED. Referees may still cancel games locally due to any weather or field conditions. Coaches MAY NOT cancel games, EXCEPT for the U6 division & select U8 games when a referee is not present.

There will be NO delays for U6-U12 divisions due to weather. If severe weather is observed, the remainder of the game is cancelled. Later games will be played if the weather has passed. Players, families, coaches and referees must leave the field and seek shelter immediately.

REFEREES must arrive at the field 10-15 minutes early before game time and make a determination as to whether the game can be played. If the earlier game(s) are cancelled, Referees must come back to the field 10-15 minutes before the start of the second game to again determine if the second game can be played.

If a parent requests that their child leave the game because they are uncomfortable with the playing conditions the coach must honor the parent's request.

Weather conditions to be aware of:

- Extreme Heat: When the temperature is above 90 degrees AND the heat index is at a danger level, 5:30 or earlier games will be canceled by the referee and will not be rescheduled. Later games may still be played but will have longer and/or more frequent breaks. Please bring extra fluids to extreme heat games.
- Extreme Cold: When the temperature drops below 30 degrees AND the wind chill index indicates a temperature below zero degrees, then the game will be canceled
- Lightning/Thunder: **Sighting of a lightning flash or the hearing of the associated thunder shall be reason to stop and cancel the game.**
- Visibility: When standing at one goal you can't see the other goal, the game may be suspended by the referee at the field.
- Wind: When the ball is placed on level ground and it does not remain stationary, the game may be suspended by the referee at the field.
- Field Conditions: When a field is in poor or dangerous playing condition, games may be canceled by the referee at the field.