

Inclement Weather Policy FSA Soccer

Rain

When fields are wet and it's raining we (FSA) can close the fields to protect them from damage. With the new system we can close them and an email will be send out to all.

You can also check the

FSA Rain Out Number (713) 951-6994

Thunderstorms

Under no condition are you allowed to be on the fields during a thunderstorm.

If inclement weather happens upon us and we do not have time to close the fields, when you get to the fields, you (coach and parents) should immediately look for the Thorguard strobe light to see if it is flashing. If it is not flashing then practice could proceed unless there is a visual confirmation that Lightning is present.

When the Thorguard alarm (1 long blast) has sounded or the strobe light is flashing, EVERYONE is to evacuate the fields to seek cover. NO ONE is to remain on the fields. This also includes standing outside the cars in the parking lot.

Even if you did not observe any lightning, it has the potential to be present and should not be ignored!

The Thorguard strobe light will remain flashing until 15 minutes after it detects favorable conditions for lightning in the immediate area. There will be no additional sounds indicating this detection if the strobe light is already flashing and the 15 minute countdown clock starts again.

The Thorguard will give the ALL clear by three (3) short blasts and the strobe light will stop flashing. That is the only indication that practice can resume.

If you think the Thorguard is not working, use the 30/30 rule. If you see VISIBLE lightning and hear the report of thunder within 30 seconds, the fields must be cleared for at least 30 minutes. Any subsequent lightning sightings thunder reports within 30 seconds resets the clock to a new 30 minutes. If you see lightning but it takes LONGER than 30 seconds to hear the thunder it is still far enough away to be considered safe. Thorguard system has 4 lights lit at the bottom indicating it is operating properly. When in doubt use 30/30 rule!!!



Communication - Coaches have a copy of your roster with you at all times and use it to notify parents that practices will not start or cannot resume.

The FSA Executive Board CAN AND WILL close all fields to practice if this policy is ignored. The safety of our children and guests are our first priority.

Extreme Heat

During extreme heat fields may be closed. We will normally follow the National Weather Service alerts, exceptions can be made.

Violation of the Inclement Weather Policy

Any individual violating the Inclement Weather Policy may serve a mandatory minimum of 1 game suspension, which includes exclusion from the Fairfield Sports playing area. This means they are not allowed to remain on premises or in the parking area during the duration of the game. Severe violations will be reviewed by the soccer committee and result in multiple weeks of suspension, up to suspension for the season. Remember we always put the safety of our children and guests first.