

Bradford Soccer Club

Home of the Eagles

Club Policies and Procedures:

Policy: Inclement Weather



Policy Statement:

The Safety of players, coaches, management and spectators is the primary concern in any weather event that occurs during all matches sanctioned by Canada Soccer. By understanding and following the information below, the safety of everyone shall be greatly increased. Ultimately the match official has the final say over delaying or restarting a match due to weather. Waiting to stop play or not waiting to start play may result in a serious injury or loss of life.

Attached for your reference is the Canada Soccer Lightning Policy (Updated July 11, 2017)

Severe Weather

If games are to be cancelled due to extreme or severe inclement weather causing unsafe field conditions the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will notify the Bradford Soccer Club (BSC).

BSC will then post the cancellation on the club's web-site (www.bradfordsoccer.com) and will update the club's message. All members should check the BSC Web-Site for the message advising if the fields are open or closed. Remote updating of the club's web-site will be completed regarding field status. Messages should not be left on the club's answering machine.

The Director of Officiating will then receive an email.

If there is no official notice from the BSC office then players and coaches must show up to the field and decide if it is safe to play.

Cancellation of Games

Games can be called off, abandoned or cancelled prior to or after it has commenced due to weather conditions, outside interference or unsafe ground by the game referee only.

If no referee is present, the coaches make the decision to cancel. If a coach feels the conditions are unsafe, the game is cancelled.

	<p>Field Closures BSC will do its best to provide replacement games for games cancelled due to field closures beyond our control.</p> <p>Heat Related Injuries There are some simple guidelines which have been prepared by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) when it comes to running activities in a hot and/or humid environment. The goal in participating in hot weather is to avoid fluid loss from the body or dehydration. Educating athletes, coaches and officials is key to identifying and preventing these injuries from occurring</p> <p>Attached for your reference is information on how to prevent and identify heat related injuries.</p>
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