



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The safety of players, coaches, and spectators is the primary concern during all Dixie Soccer Club (DSC) activities. Even though activities are scheduled rain or shine, they will proceed only as long as it is safe to do so.

The only exception is in the event of the following:

- Imminent thunderstorms
- Unsafe field conditions
- Where use of the field is judged to be likely to damage the playing surface

The referee/game leader has the final say over delaying or restarting a match due to weather. Team practices/training sessions are under the control of the team officials present. The club's team official has the final say over delaying or cancelling a practice due to weather using their "best judgement".

Weather Notifications and Field Closures

DSC permits all of its fields from the City of Mississauga and is subject to the City's Field Closure policies. The City of Mississauga may close the fields in the event of heavy rainfall or other field related issues at some parks and not at others. If the fields are closed by the City, DSC will make every effort to reschedule all of those cancelled games.

When weather could be an issue, games may be cancelled by the Club the day of. DSC will post notification on the club's website as well as send an email out to the affected teams by **5:00pm** when games are cancelled due to weather or other circumstances.

No Notice of Cancellation – After 5:00pm

The decision to start or to continue a game will be made at the field by the Referee/Game Leader. These decisions are final. For those activities that do not have a referee present, the Coach and/or Club Staff will make the decision whether to remove the team or individuals in the event of dangerous weather.

Regardless of the decisions made by the Club, Referee/Game Leader or Coach, participants (and/or their legal guardians) should always use their judgement when a thunderstorm or other dangerous weather is present.

Thunder & Lightning Policy

DSC follows the **Lightning Safety/Severe Weather Policy** as set out by Ontario Soccer. This policy is as follows: If you can hear thunder, you can get hit by lightning. As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location. More people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one. Stay in a safe location for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

Heat/Humidex Policy

Even though high temperatures and/or humidex warnings may be in place, DSC activities will continue. Games are not cancelled due to extreme heat; however, the following measures will be in place to keep everyone safe during their games and practices.

- Extra water and rest breaks will be implemented by the Referees/Game Leaders
- During practice sessions, the pace will be kept slow and easy

For more information on these policies, visit www.ontariosoccer.net.