

## LSA State Tournament Rain Policy

AT THIS TIME WE **DO NOT** ANTICIPATE ANY GAME STOPPAGES BECAUSE OF RAIN. RAIN CONDITIONS WILL BE MONITORED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITES. ALL RAIN DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT THE SITE. DO NOT CALL THE LSA OFFICE FOR RAIN INFORMATION.

ALL TEAMS MUST BE PRESENT AND READY TO PLAY AT THE SCHEDULED TIME. IN CASE OF RAIN THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

- Games will be played during rain showers if possible.
- The fields are loaned to us by the local clubs and if they feel that playing on the fields may cause severe damage, the Tournament Committee will have the discretion to move games to other venues (if possible), cancel games, or shorten games.
- Games will be stopped during lightning and continue after it leaves the area, (referees and tournament officials discretion at site). -Teams must be prepared to field a team as soon as possible after the all-clear.
- If a referee or tournament official or automatic lightning warning system sounds a warning (whistle, etc) because of lightning, ALL games at that particular complex are suspended. ALL personnel (players, coaches, spectators, referees) need to move immediately to the parking area and get inside of vehicles and remain there until the all-clear signal is given. Pop-up tents and park shelters are not a safe haven.
- Once it is clear it is important that a team representative check in with tournament officials as to the status of games. Only one rep per team, please do not bring the entire team. Based on the policy below you will be officially informed as to the status of your game.

## LSA's Policy on foul weather stoppages of play

### **c. Stoppage of play:**

If the referee determines that the game must be suspended due to weather conditions, the Tournament Committee will decide when the game is to be restarted.

#### Bracket – Round-robin competition (tied scores can stand)

If the game cannot be restarted within 60 minutes from the stoppage, the game will be terminated. A second stoppage of play due to weather conditions after a restart will automatically result in termination of the game. If the game is terminated the following will apply:

- (1) If one-half of the game has been completed prior to the termination, the result of the match at the time of termination will stand. The match WILL NOT be replayed.
- (2) If less than one-half of the match has been completed at the time of termination, the Tournament Committee will evaluate the Tournament Standings and decide if the terminated game is needed to determine final standings. If necessary a make-up game will be scheduled by the Tournament Committee at a time and place of their choosing.

#### Championship Games or games that cannot end in a tie

If the game cannot be restarted within 60 minutes from the stoppage of play, the Tournament Committee can:

- (1) Rule that if one-half of the game has been completed prior to the termination, the result of the match at the time of termination will stand; or
- (2) Waive the restart time limit and continue the game once conditions allow play to resume; or
- (3) Rule that if less than one-half of the match has been completed at the time of stoppage, the match will be replayed in its entirety at a time and place of the Tournament Committee's choosing.