**Inclement Weather Policy**

**For WBSA Fields**

All fields will be closed for ALL activities and cleared immediately under any of the following conditions:

* Thunder heard
* Lightning seen
* Lightning within 10 miles of fields using available sensors, apps, etc.
* Threatening or darkening skies observed
* Extreme rain events without lightning or thunder heard

Players, coaches, referees, managers, families and spectators are to seek immediate shelter from these events. Examples of safe cover include:

* Vehicle - enclosed and windows up
* Enclosed buildings with four walls, plumbing, and electrical wiring

It is the responsibility of all present at the field to clear the field when any of the above conditions occur.

Practice or games can resume under following conditions:

* 30 minutes has passed since last lightning seen or thunder heard
* Lightning more than 10 miles from the fields

Continue to monitor and be prepared to clear the field if lightning should move back within 10 miles.

**For Partner Fields**

In the event that an away club does not have a field safety policy comparable to above, WBSA members can clear the fields and direct all present to their cars or an enclosed building. No activities can resume until 30 minutes have passed since last lightning seen or thunder observed.

**Monitoring Weather**

WBSA board members will track weather conditions and will close home fields when the board feels that conditions are unsafe. There are many different mobile apps that members can use to track weather, including:

* WeatherBug’s embedded tool – SPARK
* Weather Underground Storm

We encourage all members to be part of the solution in keeping everyone safe. If you hear thunder or see lightning, please approach the referee and coaches, advising them of your observation in that they may have not seen or heard it themselves.

**Flooding**

WBSA fields will remain closed during flooding conditions. Most WBSA fields are storm-water detention basins, meant to manage potentially damaging floodwaters till channels are cleared downstream. WBSA board members will advise when fields can be used for practice or games.