

# SCHAUMBURG SOCCERFEST EMERGENCY WEATHER PLAN

## ***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SHARE WITH YOUR TEAM***

In case of severe weather moving through the area, the following plan is designed to protect the players, coaches, referees and spectators. Your cooperation is necessary and your understanding is important.

We will play under most weather conditions but we will not compromise the safety of anyone.

The condition that will stop play is **LIGHTNING** and/or **THUNDER**. If there is lightning and or thunder in the area one (1) **LONG BLAST** (15 seconds) from air horns around the complex will sound.

**Soccerfest Committee Staff** will direct **EVERYONE** from the fields. Delay in leaving will not only put you and your team at risk, but the Committee Staff as well.

Please instruct your players, their parents and spectators to go to a safe shelter, preferably their cars.

Once the area is clear of lightning the horns will make three (3) **SHORT BLASTS** (each 5 seconds in length) which will indicate all is clear.

Coaches please check with the Tournament Committee Tent to receive further instruction.

Please review this with your parents so in the event we have to clear the fields there is no delay and plenty of understanding. Have a plan with your team, such a cell phone use to communicate with each other once the all clear is given.

We have lightning detectors, but if anyone witnesses a bolt of lightning that will be grounds to suspend the games and to clear the area. The area has to be clear of lightning and thunder for a minimum of 20 minutes from the last bolt of lightning or thunder before an all clear is given.

Any game that started the second half when the weather plan went into effect will be considered a completed game and will be scored accordingly. Even a very short delay will be a minimum of 25 -30 minutes before play can be restarted. Any game that ended in the first half when the weather plan went into effect will start with the second half and be played of equal length (if 15 minutes played in the 1<sup>st</sup> half the second half will be 15 minutes), if the game as less than 10 minutes than a new game will be scheduled.

If the weather delay is for an extended time coaches must report to the tournament committee tent for instruction. Since there can be numerous scenarios we can not possibly cover them all in this letter. We do assure you there are contingence plans that will make your experience here at the Soccerfest a good one even with adverse weather.

Sincerely,

THE SOCCERFEST COMMITTEE