



BROKEN ARROW SOCCER CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICY

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

(For BASC Tournaments, See Tournament Weather Contingency Plan)

- 1) This document sets forth the policy for Inclement Weather conditions at ISSC.
- 2) The safety of our players, parents, volunteers, and fans is of the highest importance to the Broken Arrow Soccer Club. Therefore, in the event of severe weather and/or lightning, play will be suspended, and all persons shall leave the fields and seek shelter immediately. In the absence of lightning during rain/snow events play will continue unless the weather or field conditions warrant a suspension of play or early game termination. Play will resume AFTER the threat has passed and an official all clear as been issued.
- 3) Play will be suspended and re-started using the following notifications:
 - a) SUSPEND PLAY: 1 long blast of the air horn
 - b) RESUME PLAY: 3 short blasts of the air horn
- 4) Upon the suspension of play all persons must leave the fields and go to their vehicles or a place of safety.
- 5) During suspension of play BASC may post live updates to the BASC webpage at: www.basoccer.club.
- 6) In the event that hazardous conditions do not clear in a timely manner, games may be abandoned. Abandoned games will be indicated by the referee(s) or Tournament Director.
- 7) For abandoned regular season games:
 - a) If the second half of the game has commenced the game is considered complete and results are final.
 - b) If the second half of the game has not commenced the game will need to be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety.
- 8) Weather delay related games
 - a) Referee Availability:
 - i) Determine how many referees are currently available for games that can be played.
 - ii) Consider the number of referees that will be available should the schedule be thrown off for upcoming games.
 - b) Subsequent Games:
 - i) Assess if there's a game following the delayed game on the same field.
 - c) Impact on Schedule:
 - i) Determine if the resumption of a delayed game will affect the schedule.
 - ii) Evaluate how many time slots will be affected, considering morning vs. afternoon.
 - d) Finish Times and Player Welfare:
 - i) Ensure players can return home at a reasonable time.
 - ii) Recognize that younger players may not be able to stay out as late.
 - iii) Take into consideration the driving times of out-of-town teams.

- 9) THORGUARD – LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM
 - a) A lightning detection system is in operation at Indian Springs Sports Complex. We ask that you adhere to any warnings the system may give regardless of how conditions may appear to be. Please use common sense with any inclement weather.
 - b) The lightning detection system is employed in two locations at the complex:
 - i) Roof of the city barn directly west of field 3
 - ii) Roof of the west concession building
 - iii) System checks every 10 minutes
- 10) For BASC tournaments, please see the Weather Contingency Plan for Tournaments on each tournaments page on the BASC website: www.basoccer.club/tournaments

THORGUARD System Information:

The THORGUARD sensor continuously monitors the atmosphere's electrostatic energy and evaluates the potential for lightning. When the system determines a hazardous condition, the air-horns and strobe light provide necessary alerts.

How the system works: System detects the probability of lightning striking based on measuring electrostatic energy in the air, NOT that lightning has struck.

When the system detects a high probability of lightning the alert horn will sound and the strobe light will come on and stay (1 long blast of the air horn).

Once the alert horn has made the warning, the system begins a 10-minute count-down. If conditions are cleared during the 10-minute period the system will give an all clear, if not the system will continue to recycle the 10-minute count-down.

Once an "all clear" condition is established by the system it will give three back to back horn blasts and the strobe light will go off.

IF THE STROBE LIGHT IS ON – STAY OFF THE FIELDS!

- 11) A copy of this policy shall be available via the club's website and shall be reviewed with all BOD members.
- 12) Exceptions, amendment, or abandonment of this policy requires a majority vote of the BOD present during a meeting of the Board.
- 13) Appendix – Policy History
 - a) Draft Proposal 4/17/2019
 - b) Adoption 4/17/2019
 - c) Amended 10/04/2023