

DMV Memorial Cup: Weather Protocols

The tournament staff monitors weekend weather closely to ensure player safety. In the event of lightning or severe weather, the following protocols will be strictly enforced:

Core Safety Guidelines

- **Evacuation:** When lightning is detected, all play must stop immediately. Players, coaches, spectators, and referees must clear the fields and seek shelter in their vehicles.
- **Resuming Play:** Games will only resume after **30 consecutive minutes** have passed since the last lightning strike within a 10-mile radius.

Game Interruption Protocols

1. Before Kickoff (Pre-Game Delays)

- **The Clock Keeps Running:** The official game clock will start at the regularly scheduled kickoff time, even if play is delayed.
- **Abbreviated Games:** If the delay clears and allows for **at least 20 minutes** of playtime, the match will be played using the remaining time on the clock. Teams and referees may coordinate a shortened warm-up and halftime to maximize playtime.
- **Cancellations:** If the delay leaves less than 20 minutes of available clock time, the game will be canceled and recorded as a **0–0 tie**.

2. After Kickoff (In-Game Delays)

- **Official Match Status (20+ Minutes Played):** If a game is suspended *after* the 20-minute mark has been reached, the match is considered official and the current score stands.
- **Unofficial Match Status (Under 20 Minutes Played):** If a game is suspended *before* reaching the 20-minute mark, the game clock will continue to run during the delay.
 - **If play can resume:** If the weather clears and allows for at least 20 minutes of total playtime, the match will resume for the remaining duration on the clock.
 - **If play cannot resume:** If the remaining clock time drops below the 20-minute threshold required to make the game official, the match is canceled and recorded as a **0–0 tie**.

Please monitor your email and the official tournament website for real-time updates throughout the weekend.

Note: This policy is subject to adjustment at the discretion of the client and the tournament committee.