

Chester United Soccer – Cancellation Policy

During the summer soccer season, there are three weather conditions that we are most likely to encounter:

1) Lightning

If there is an active lightning storm just before or during a game or practice, the events that day will be cancelled. For more information see The Canadian Soccer Association - Lightning Safety Policy

https://soccerns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Lightning_Policy_EN.pdf

2) Rain

- If the rain is coming down too hard to run a program, practices or games that day are cancelled.
- If there is pooling of water on the fields that prevents playing conditions to be suitable, practices or games that day are cancelled.
- If there has been extended days of rain that has caused pooling of water that prevent suitable playing conditions, fields will be closed until conditions are reversed. Each field will be treated separately in this circumstance.

3) Extreme heat

When there is a humidex of 35°C or above at 3:00PM that night's programming will be cancelled.

Who makes the decision to cancel?

U5 and U7

Three board members on the Chester United Board of Directors evaluate the extreme weather conditions (heavy rain, lightning storms or excessive heat) and vote on a decision to cancel by 3:00 pm on the day of the event. Once the decision has been made, parents will be contacted.

Competitive Teams (U9 through U15 age groups)

There are 2 levels of authority for cancelling competitive games. These are:

- 1) The referee(s) for the game
- 2) The coaches for the scheduled game

Chester United follows the South Shore Soccer Association policies for cancelling games; which can be found here <https://southshore.sssoccer.ca/content/by-laws-and-rules>

Please refer to Sections 21 and 22 of the above document for more details. It is important to note that very seldom do competitive games get cancelled or rescheduled, unless under specific circumstances outlined in the South Shore Soccer Association policies.

Whenever possible, a decision to cancel a game will come by 3 pm. The reason for a decision by 3 pm is to allow visiting teams enough time to let their players' families know, and to avoid travelling for a game that has already been cancelled.

Practices are more likely to be cancelled due to weather conditions as this event affects only the Chester United players and families. In the case of cancelling practices due to weather, the coaches will make that decision as soon as possible and may consult with the Chester United board member committee that also makes cancellation decisions for the U5 and U7 programs. The decision to cancel will also be made by 3 pm, whenever possible to allow time to notify players' families.

Communication methods

- Email updates will come from the coaches by 4:30 pm on game/practice day
- Every effort will be made to update the Chester United Facebook page and website; in addition to emails from the coaches of teams scheduled to play or practice that night.

Parents' Choice

If you feel it is too hot or raining too much to attend your game/practice you can always choose to keep your kids at home that day. Whenever possible, please email your child's coach so they know your child won't be attending.