



Lightning / Severe Weather Policy

Relevant Operational Rules:

5.1 Duration of game

5.1.1 All games will consist of two 45-minute halves.

5.1.2 There will be a maximum of 15 minutes rest at half time.

5.1.3 There will be no extra time periods during any AMSL game.

5.1.4 If a game has to be abandoned due to weather (or other considerations), and a minimum of 60 minutes has been completed, then the result shall stand. If less than 60 minutes has been completed, then the game shall be replayed and the AMSL Administrator shall reschedule it.

5.1.4.i. When thunder is heard during a match the current ASA lightning/severe weather policy will be followed.

The [Canada Soccer Lightning Safety / Severe Weather Policy](#) will be in effect at all times from arrival of teams and officials at the venue through the end of the match.

If thunder is heard all teams and officials must seek shelter immediately. The match will be delayed, and subsequently resumed under the following guidelines:

- 1) If both teams player are local, the allowable delay will be determined by the match officials so that the actual completion time of the match does not exceed 60 minutes beyond the scheduled completion time.
- 2) If one of the teams is travelling, the allowable delay will be determined by the match officials so that the actual completion time of the match does not exceed 90 minutes beyond the scheduled completion time.
- 3) All efforts should be made to play a full 90 minutes, however, a minimum of 60 minutes played will constitute a completed match, if necessary.
- 4) Teams and match officials will be afforded a 15-minute warm-up period prior to resuming a match that has been delayed for 15 minutes or longer.



- a) Warm up periods will be factored into the calculation of the match completion time.
 - b) Warm ups cannot begin until the match official has given approval to be on the field.
- 5) Resumption of a match are further subject to the following conditions:
- a) Facility access
 - i) The match officials will consult with the Home Team to ensure the field booking can accommodate the delay.
 - b) Match official availability
 - i) If the delay exceeds 45 minutes match officials who have a prior commitment are not obligated to stay.
 - ii) A minimum of a referee and two (2) assistants are required in order for the match to resume.
 - iii) Officials who stay to allow a delayed match to continue will be compensated accordingly. Alberta Soccer will cover these costs as well as any additional field rental required.
 - c) Weather conditions
- 6) If the match cannot be resumed, and less than 60 minutes has been played, it can be rescheduled under normal match cancellation procedures, or if agreed to by all parties, the score at the time of suspension can be recorded as the final score.

Match officials will make a final decision regarding all safety concerns, including severe weather, prior to kickoff or if a stoppage in play is required as circumstances change throughout the match.

Officials are instructed to maintain participant safety as the top priority if there is any concern at the venue.