



# Inclement Weather Policy

## Indoor Season

Generally, the league will not cancel games due to bad weather. There are scenarios where the league will cancel completely or time frames during a day.

During forecasted storms, the league will communicate with all participating clubs the night prior, notifying them that the Inclement Weather Policy will be in place for the next day's games. The status of all league games will be posted on the main page of the NSSL website ([www.nssoccerleague.ca](http://www.nssoccerleague.ca)) beginning at 5:00 AM. It is the club's responsibility to make sure their teams are aware of the policies and procedures in place.

### Three scenarios may occur:

1. **Scenario #1:** League will cancel all games up until a certain start time. And re-evaluate the status of the later games in the day a few hours later. *For example, all games with scheduled start times prior to 9:59 AM are cancelled, the NSSL will decide on all remaining games by 8:00 AM. This means all games with a scheduled start time of 10:00 AM onward would be on as scheduled, unless at 8:00 AM conditions have not improved, and the league decides to cancel.*
2. **Scenario #2:** League will cancel all games for the day
3. **Scenario #3:** On declared storm days where the NSSL has not cancelled games, teams at their Discretion may choose to cancel their game.
  - a. **Team responsibility:** communicating their decision not to play to their opponent AND the league no less than 2 hours before the scheduled start time of the game.
  - b. **During Playoffs:** If the game is an elimination game that informs a future game, a team's decision to cancel their game will result in the team forfeiting that match and not advancing.

The Nova Scotia Soccer League wants to make it clear; that the ultimate decision for travel on days of inclement weather is that of the parents; we realize it is only a game. In scenario three above, so long as the cancelling team communicates with their opponent AND the league two or more hours before the game, there will be no forfeits or associated fines.

If a team chooses not to notify their opponent AND the league, a forfeit will be applied to the game.