

# WASA Weather Procedures

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Players, coaches and referees should **go to the field** unless they have been notified by WASA Staff that their specific game is cancelled.

On days when some fields may not be playable, game status is posted on our website, [www.wasasoccer.org](http://www.wasasoccer.org) and on our Facebook page. If all fields are closed, there may also be a message on the Westerville Parks and Recreation weather hotline 614-901-6888.

Coaches are not permitted to cancel games, except for the U5 league.

At the field, referees will apply these procedures when it is appropriate to do so.

## Rain or Heavy Showers

Rain or heavy showers are NOT reasons to cancel a WASA game. If there is no lightning or thunder, every effort should be made to play the game.

The referee may delay the start of a game or call a rain delay during a game to see if the weather passes.

- **WASA Rec. matches for ages U12 and younger...**  
Play may start or resume if the rain delay is 15 minutes or less. Halves may be shortened so the next game can begin on schedule.
- **Middle School age and older...**  
Play may start or resume when conditions permit.

If heavy rain continues and it is apparent that conditions are unlikely to improve, the referee may terminate the match.

Termination of one match due to rain or heavy showers does not automatically cancel matches that follow. Referees are instructed to follow this same procedure for subsequent matches on the same day.

## WASA Policy regarding Thunder and Lightning

If anyone hears thunder or spots lightning, the referees should take immediate action. **Do not continue to play!**

- **WASA Rec. matches for ages U12 and younger...**  
The match will be terminated. Everyone is advised to seek shelter.
- **Middle School age and older...**  
There will be a full 30 minute delay. Everyone is advised to seek shelter. Subsequent occurrences of thunder or lightning start a new 30 minute clock. If it is apparent that conditions will not improve, the match may be terminated.