



# TEWKSBURY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

## Lightning/Rain Policy

Soccer can and will be played in inclement weather, but it cannot be played if there is thunder and/or lightning in the area. Please follow these simple rules:

1. If thunder and/or lightning is heard or seen, all players, officials and coaches must leave the field immediately.
2. Play (games and/or practices) should not be resumed until 30 minutes have passed since the last flash of lightning or clap of thunder.
3. In the event of inclement weather, Tewksbury Youth Soccer League (“TYSL”) may close the fields and deem them unplayable. After TYSL, it is then at the discretion of the age director to cancel game play for their assigned leagues.
4. TYSL will try to cancel games at least one hour before their scheduled playing time. However, due to unpredictable weather, in some cases game play may need to be called at or during game time.
5. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their players are safe during the storm.

Fact Sheet From NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration).

- All Thunderstorms produce lightning and are danger.
- Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from rainfall.
- If you can hear thunder, you are in danger.

What you should know about being caught outside near a thunderstorm. (NOAA Recommendations).

- Avoid open areas.
- Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences.
- Stay away from isolated trees, towers and utility poles

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