

PYSC WEATHER POLICY

PYSC Hotline – 822-PYSC (7972)

Please become familiar with this policy so that you understand what to expect when weather conditions might interfere with the playing of soccer games. PYSC has established the PYSC Hotline for league related messages, including game cancellations. If there are game cancellations the message will be updated by 4:00 PM each game day. If there is no notice of cancellation by 4:00 PM on the hotline, with the exception of wet weather, the responsibility will fall to the referees at the field. If there is no notice of cancellation on the hotline by 4:00 PM, regardless of the weather, please show up at the field and expect a game. Soccer is played in the rain and in wet conditions. If a game is canceled it will **NOT** be made up.

Please do not rely on the website for game cancellation information. Updates to the website are only available as the webmasters availability permits.

Following are condition specific criteria for cancellations:

Extreme Heat

When the temperature is above 90F and the heat index is above 100F, the early matches should be cancelled for the 4-11 yr olds. The 12-18 yr old matches may be rescheduled for another time. Later matches should incorporate longer breaks or more frequent breaks (i.e. halves should be divided into quarters, for those age groups that play halves, or halves/quarters should be shortened). Plenty of fluids should be available.

Extreme Cold

When the temperature drops below 30F and the wind chill index indicates a temperature below 0F, the match should be cancelled. The 12-18 yr old matches may be rescheduled for another time.

Severe Weather

In the event of a storm, play must be stopped and suspended until the danger has passed using the following minimum criteria. This is often called the 30/30 rule.

- a) A 30 second or less time interval between the sighting of a lightning flash to the hearing of the associated thunder, shall be reason to stop and suspend a game **and**
- b) Play shall not be resumed prior to the 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or the last sound of thunder heard.

Wet Weather

Due to poor field conditions from extended wet weather, the Pulaski School District may cancel matches for the day(s) or week(s), depending upon the conditions of the fields. The presidents of the clubs in the Bay Lakes Area will consult, and make this decision for the 12-18 yr old teams. PYSC may itself make a determination to cancel games based on the following minimum criteria. This is often called the 60/60 Rule.

- a) 60% of our total field count must be deemed “coved in water”.
- b) A field will be deemed “covered in water” when 60% of the playing surface is either, covered in water, or footprints are left water filled.
- c) Determination will be made by PYSC representative making an in person analysis between 12 PM and 3 PM on each day in question.

Notes

If a parent is uncomfortable with the weather or field conditions, they may request that their child leave the field. The coach will honor the parent’s request to remove the child, immediately and without penalty.

Because the weather may not affect the entire county, please note that although games at PYSC fields may be cancelled, games scheduled at other locations in the Bay Lakes Area may still be played (this pertains to the 12-18 yr old teams). Alternately, if you live or work outside the actual Village of Pulaski, the weather where you are may be different than what it is at the fields. If at any time there is a question if a game is to be played, the team must show up.