



## **BAD WEATHER and PANDEMIC POLICY**

From time to time, bad weather will interfere with the running of an event in the North Texas Region. When such cases occur, it is recommended that the Tournament Director contacts the region and follow these guidelines:

The following is a list of conditions that might be considered grounds for cancellation of events or matches and grounds for refusal to participate on the part of vendors and teams: Severe Thunderstorms, Ice Storms, Flash Flooding, Tornado Watches/Warnings, Predicted Icy Conditions, Pandemic, Social distancing. If one of these situations arises in the county of an event location, it is at the discretion of the Tournament Director what course of action to take. It is not necessary to have a universal policy; each facility should be considered individually for the purpose of making a decision. However, any cancellation at a particular facility should warrant the cancellation of all matches, pools, and brackets at that facility.

In the event that the tournament director cancels the tournament, it is recommended that the tournament refund  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the entry fee to the teams.

In the case of a predictive condition, a tournament may move the start time of a tournament back if it could still run its course and finish before the curfew. In these situations, an email is to be sent out to the participating clubs no later than 12 hours prior to the original start time. In case of pandemic or social distancing recommendations, tournament format guarantees may be reduced.

In the case of weather that arises after the tournament has started or weather that is predicted after the event has started, several factors must be taken into account. If it is deemed by the Tournament Director that it is unsafe to continue, then it is permissible to cancel any number of matches. If pool play is cancelled before the fourth match of pool play is completed in all pools, then it is recommended that the tournament be cancelled. If the fourth match of pool play has been completed in all pools, then pool play may continue on the next day followed by a truncated single elimination bracket. If any part of bracket play is cancelled, then the tournament will be considered finished and all teams in each tier shall be considered tied for the place represented by the last fully completed tier of the bracket.

A partial refund should be given to all teams based on the number of matches short of the guaranteed match total that team missed. The refunded amount shall be \$15 a match. The only exception to this is teams who submitted in writing that they were not attending the tournament due to weather even though the tournament had not been cancelled. These teams receive no refund. They are not subjected to penalties.

Referees whose match total was reduced due to a cancellation of matches shall be paid for the matches that they did work and shall be awarded a \$5 a match stipend for the number of matches they would have worked based on the schedule created by the head referee/site director.

Referees who chose not to attend an event that was not cancelled are not owed this stipend. Facilities and host clubs should negotiate among themselves what is a fair payout for partial usage due to weather.

Announcement of any cancellations should be submitted in writing by email to all of the Club Directors whose clubs are participating.