



Chippewa Valley Youth Football

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Inclement Weather Protocols

1. Purpose & Scope

The safety of our athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators is our absolute highest priority. This Inclement Weather Plan establishes standardized procedures for identifying, monitoring, and responding to adverse weather conditions during all youth football practices, games, and program events.

2. Chain of Command & Decision Making

- **Weather Monitor:** The League Director (or designated Site Coordinator) acts as the official Weather Monitor for all events.
- **Authority:** The Weather Monitor has the ultimate authority to delay, suspend, or cancel activities.
- **Coaches' Role:** Coaches must follow directives from the Weather Monitor immediately and assist in safely evacuating players.

3. Lightning & Thunder Policy (30/30 Rule)

- **Monitoring:** The Weather Monitor will track weather radar and use a certified lightning detection app (e.g., WeatherBug, Weather Underground, etc.).
- **Suspension:** Play and practice must be suspended immediately if lightning is detected within **10 miles** of the facility, or if thunder is heard.
- **Evacuation:** All participants must immediately evacuate the fields and seek shelter in fully enclosed hard-top vehicles or permanent, fully enclosed buildings. Pavilions, roof overhangs, and trees are NOT safe shelters.
- **Resumption:** Activities may only resume exactly **30 minutes** after the last localized lightning strike or clap of thunder.

4. Extreme Heat & Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)

Activities will be modified or canceled based on the local WBGT or Heat Index readings:

Heat Index / WBGT	Action Required / Modifications
Under 95°F / Under 82.0°F	Normal play. Provide regular water breaks every 20 mins.
95°F - 99°F / 82.1°F - 86.9°F	Maximum 2-hour practice. Mandatory water breaks every 15 mins. Helmets/pads removed when not actively drilling.
100°F - 104°F / 87.0°F - 89.9°F	Maximum 1-hour practice. No pads/helmets allowed (shorts and shirts only). Constant monitoring for heat illness.
105°F+ / 90.0°F+	NO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. All practices/games canceled or moved indoors.

5. Heavy Rain, Wind, & Air Quality

- **Heavy Rain / Flooding:** Rain alone does not cancel football. However, activities will be suspended if standing water creates safety hazards or if field damage becomes severe.
- **High Winds:** If sustained winds exceed 40 mph or gusts threaten equipment (like goalposts or tents), activities will be suspended.
- **Air Quality Index (AQI):** Outdoor activities will be modified if AQI is over 100, and fully canceled/moved indoors if AQI exceeds 150.

6. Communication Protocol

- **Pre-Event Cancellations:** Decisions regarding weekday practices/games will be made by 4:00 PM. Weekend game decisions will be made by 8:30 AM. We will make decisions based upon the best available information. Please understand that weather conditions at times can change which can cause a delayed cancellation.
- **Notification Channels:** Alerts will be sent simultaneously via the league Crossbar App, email broadcast, and posted on official Facebook Page.
- **In-Game Alerts:** One long, continuous blast of an air horn or whistle signifies immediate field evacuation. Coaches must gather their teams and head straight to designated shelter or players to their parents' vehicles.