

WEATHER/RAIN POLICY

PRACTICES AND GAMES

GENERAL

There are two reasons why coaches, referees and parents need to pay attention to weather and field conditions:

1. Safety – Since the safety of the children, spectators, coaches and referees is of the utmost importance, we must avoid practicing or playing games if any safety hazards, such as lightning, are present or possible.
2. Field Conditions – Practicing and playing soccer can damage the fields if they are extremely wet. If we damage fields, AYSO runs the risk of losing the field-use privileges. Further, the villages now assess repair costs if we damage their fields.

PRACTICE CANCELLATIONS

If we determine that fields are too wet for practices during the week, we will update the website with a notice as early as possible in the day. This will be a ruling for all practices on all fields. Remember, fields can be too wet to practice not just because of recent rain, but because of rain that fell a day or two before. While we hope that parents will get into the habit of checking the website for practice cancellation notices, the coaches are ultimately responsible for communicating with their team.

GAME CANCELLATIONS

Game cancellations are available on the website and through the hotline. The cancellation notice is posted by 6:30 AM every Saturday morning.

Even if a blanket cancellation hasn't been issued, practices and games should be cancelled by the coaches or referees for any of the following unsafe conditions:

1. Lightning – present or potential. Do not take any chances when threatening weather is nearby. All children, volunteers and spectators must immediately vacate to safety.
2. Tornado warnings – take shelter in the nearest available building
3. Standing water or wet fields – coaches and referees should walk the field to determine if it is too wet. Do not practice or play if the field could be damaged.
4. Unsafe equipment – e.g., unanchored goals
5. Other hazards – debris on field, construction, etc.

HOTLINE

630-654-AYSO

or

630-654-2976

WEBSITE

www.aysohinsdale.org

Reminder: the website will post game and practice cancellations, while the hotline will post only game cancellations. Cancelled games are practices will not be automatically rescheduled – it is at the discretion of the coach(es) whether to reschedule.