



Petrolia Soccer Club

Petrolia ON

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Weather Policy

To protect the well being of all participants, officials & spectators, the following guidelines and principles shall be used in cases where the weather or field conditions should result in a delayed or cancelled game.

When games are cancelled due to inclement weather, an update will be posted on the official Petrolia Soccer Club website and Facebook page. This will be the only formal communication that parents/coaches receive, and it is the parent's responsibility to check the website accordingly. Coaches may choose to contact their players on their own as well, but this is a voluntary option. No refunds or re-scheduling will be made for any missed games. Please respect that board members and coaches are volunteers.

PRIOR to the game (decision will be posted by 5pm):

The PSC Weather Committee shall determine if the games can start based on the following criteria:

Rain, lightning and severe weather warnings:

- Light to moderate rain is considered by OSA to be acceptable for playing the game of soccer, which means all games shall start at corresponding start times and weather will be monitored.
- Games will be cancelled if extreme standing water are present on the fields. If fields are deemed unplayable, playing could cause damage to the fields, or pose a safety concern.
- Severe weather warnings including, but not limited to: hail, rotations, snow, etc.

Heat warnings:

- Games will be cancelled if, at approx. 2pm, the temperature (BEFORE humidex) is predicted to be 33C or above at game time as per the Weather Network.

- Games will be cancelled if, at approx. 2pm, the temperature (AFTER humidex) is predicted to be 38C or above at game time as per the Weather Network.
- Referees and coaches may agree to extra water breaks due to hot weather.
- Parents and players are encouraged to make individual decisions on participation based on their own comfort levels.

Other weather/air quality warnings:

- Games will be cancelled if the air quality risk (smog) is at 10 as per Health Canada.
- Games will be cancelled if the air quality risk (wildfire) is at 7 as per Health Canada.
- Any other special weather warnings will be reviewed by the PSC weather committee, following recommendations from OSA and Lambton Public Health.

DURING the game:

The referees shall determine if the games need to be delayed or stopped based on the following criteria and will take advisement from coaches and board members present at game time:

- If standing water or puddles develop on the field, or the condition becomes very slippery, then the games on all fields shall be stopped and games cancelled.
- If there is lightening or extremely threatening weather developing in the immediate area, then the games on all fields shall be stopped and delayed 30 minutes.
 - o Please Note: it is a 30 minute delay from the *last lightening strike*.
 - o Please Note: if lightening continues for 30+ minutes, games will be cancelled and players sent home.