

## **Tournament Severe Weather Policy**

Carmel United Soccer Club

Crossroads of America College Showcase 2010

1. Lightning and or Thunder
  - Apply the 30-30 rule. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is 30 seconds or less, seek proper shelter. Wait 30 minutes or more after hearing thunder or seeing lightning before leaving shelter.
  - No place outside is safe near thunderstorms.
  - Use solid enclosed substantial constructed building if possible. A vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides is a reasonable second choice.
  - Avoid being at higher elevations, wide open areas, near trees.
  
2. Other types of severe weather
  - Severe storms or tornadoes: Obey local rules and heed warnings (meaning that a severe storm or tornado has been sighted). Clear the field immediately and seek proper shelter.
  - If we have hail, the game must be stopped. Clear the field and seek proper shelter.
  
3. Communication for severe weather
  - When severe weather is possible threat use local radar for updated information.
  - An Air Horn will be used to clear the complex when severe weather is approaching.
  - An Air Horn will be used to allow all players/spectators & officials back onto the fields once severe weather has passed.
  - Constant weather updates will be posted on our official tournament web site and voice mail will be updated on our tournament hotline number.
  - Tournament Director along with the Referee assignor will determine when to Halt or start the proceedings.

### Summary

If there is a possibility of severe weather, the tournament Director, referee assignor and referees will discuss these guidelines in their pre game meetings. This is to ensure that all officials have a clear understanding of their respective duties. Referees in particular should clearly identify what assistance they expect in detecting and bringing to their immediate attention any dangerous weather conditions which may not be directly visible to them. If such conditions develop only after the game has begun, the referee should stop the game review matters with assistant referees, coaches and begin to ensure player safety.