



## Weather Cancellation Policy

The **Ottawa Islamic Soccer League** is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants during adverse weather conditions. Our weather cancellation policy is designed to provide clear guidance for handling lightning, high heat, and humidity situations.

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## Lightning Policy

The **Ottawa Islamic Soccer League** follows the **Ontario Soccer Association (OSA)** Lightning Policy. The policy is as follows:

- **Flash to Bang Method:** To monitor lightning, use the “Flash to Bang” method. Count the seconds from the time a flash of lightning is seen until a clap of thunder is heard. If the time between the flash and the bang is **30 seconds or less**, evacuation of the playing field should begin immediately.
- **Safety Measures:** Large, enclosed buildings (substantially constructed structures) are much safer than smaller or open structures. If a stadium is available, players and coaches should go to the dressing rooms. If no such building is available, fully enclosed vehicles (e.g., cars, trucks, buses, vans, farm vehicles) with windows rolled up offer good shelter from lightning. **Do not stand under trees, in an open field, or under an umbrella.**
- **Resumption of Play:** Games should not resume until **30 minutes after the last clap of thunder or the last flash of lightning.**
- **Cancellation:** Decisions to cancel games due to lightning or other dangerous weather conditions can only be made at the field by the referee and coaches. Parents should always use their own judgment when deciding whether to travel to the field during a thunderstorm or other potentially dangerous weather conditions and should notify their coach accordingly.

For practices, **coaches have the discretion** to cancel based on weather conditions.

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## Humidex Policy

- When the **Humidex** is forecasted to reach **40°C or higher** on a game day.
  - Coaches also have the discretion to **cancel their practice** if weather conditions warrant it.
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This policy ensures that the **Ottawa Islamic Soccer League** maintains the highest standard of safety for its participants during extreme weather conditions. By following these guidelines, we help minimize risks associated with lightning and extreme heat, ensuring a safer environment for everyone involved.

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This revised version focuses on clarity and provides a detailed understanding of how the Club will manage adverse weather situations.

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