

Weather related cancellations

Harleysville Soccer Association

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Prior to arriving at the fields

1. For weeknights, two hours prior to the play for each evening, a decision will be made as to whether intramural soccer will take place that evening or not. Once the decision is made, a mass e-mail will be sent by the Intramural Director or the Communication Director to the entire league. Parents should be notified prior to the season to check their e-mail or the league website www.harleysvillesoccer.org prior to leaving the house if there is a possibility of cancellation.
2. For weekends, one hour prior to the play for the early morning session, a decision will be made as to whether intramural soccer will take place that morning or not. Once the decision is made, a mass e-mail will be sent by the Intramural Director or the Communication Director to the entire league. Parents should be notified prior to the season to check their e-mail or the league website www.harleysvillesoccer.org prior to leaving the house if there is a possibility of cancellation.
3. The decision will be made by the following people with the majority vote deciding it for the evening (since some managers may be unreachable due to work or vacation commitments):
 - a. For Monday and Wednesday evenings:
Jon Mozi - mon/wed (U8 Coed), Mark Fennel (U10 Boys),
Chris Jurin (U12 Boys), Mike Mills (U15 Boys)
 - b. For Tuesday and Thursday evenings:
Janice Flynn (U8 Coed), Doug Grossman (U10 Girls), Suzanne Thomas (U12 Girls), Jack Jones (U15 Girls), Al LaTourette (U19 Coed)
 - c. For Friday Nights: Keith Cameron (TOPSoccer)
 - d. For Saturday Mornings: Frank Ciuba, John Borro (U6 Managers)

Once a decision is made please notify the Intramural Director (Alex Krail) because some cancellations will affect interleague games or referee assignments.

4. **The decision is an All or None decision** – that means that either all games are cancelled, or none are cancelled. Once the decision is made, no children or teams are to be playing independently on the fields.

Field decisions

1. If weather occurs after the time limits above the decision is to be made at the field, by the people identified in No. 3. They will notify the league managers of the decision.
2. **For rain at game time:**
 - Very light rain (a few noticeable raindrops) is OK to play through, provided no thunder or lightning. Play should stop if a steady rain develops.
 - Very minimal and isolated standing water is ok to play with, but avoid it if you are practicing. A saturated field is NOT playable.
3. **For thunderstorms and the viewing of lightning, all players and parents are to vacate the fields for a period of 30 minutes from when the last thunder is heard or lightning is sighted. There are no exceptions to this rule.** If a coach hears thunder or sees lightning and vacates the fields, they are to notify the other coaches, and ALL must vacate the fields. At the first sign of recognizable thunder or lightning, please take cover in an enclosed building or vehicle for a period of 30 minutes from when the last thunder is heard or lightning is sighted. Baseball dugouts or pavilions are not safe during lightning activity.
4. Individual field condition decisions are to be made by the coaches at those fields, in consultation with their league manager. For example, a rain storm the night before – it is sunny and 90 degrees now, but a field is in an unplayable condition. The league manager is to discuss with the individual coaches and make the decision on playability.
5. For U12, U15, and U19 games with referees, the referee makes the decision to stop once the game has begun.