

MAT Assigning

Inclement Weather Policy

It is the responsible for each referee working MAT Assigning assigned matches to strictly adhere to the MYSA weather policy, which can be accessed here: <http://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/page/show/692946-mysa-weather-policy>

Specifically regarding lightning and inclement weather:

- If lightning is within five miles, with or without hearing thunder, the game(s) or practice(s) should be suspended and shelter sought. A lightning detector can identify the distance accurately but may not be available. A rough guideline is to **measure the time between the lightning flash and hearing the corresponding thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, seek shelter.** It may not be possible to determine which lightning strike generated which roll of thunder. A simple rule: **If you can see it or hear it, clear it!**
- MYSA recommends that participants seek immediate shelter in their automobiles or a designated severe weather shelter, if there is one nearby. Smaller, open structures, tents, trees, isolated areas, etc, should be avoided. Cars, with windows rolled up or buses, can provide good shelter. Avoid contact with metal or other conducting materials to the outside surfaces. Do not stay in open, unprotected areas.
- **Games should not be restarted for at least 30 minutes** after the last lightning strike is seen or roll of thunder is heard.
- Tournaments should inform participating teams of notification and evacuation plans and shelters near the playing sites.

MAT Assigning - policy for payment during weather-related incidents:

- If a referee arrives at match, and the match is canceled because of weather before the match, the referee will be paid in full for that match.
- If a referee is assigned a doubleheader, and the first match is canceled because of weather, the referee will be paid in full for that match. It is the responsibility for the referee to stay at the playing field to see if the next match will happen as scheduled, unless the referee is communicated otherwise by club personnel or MAT Assigning staff. If the second match is canceled before the start, the referee is paid for the first match only.
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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD PAYMENT OUTCOMES BE AN ENCOURAGING FACTOR TO PLAY A MATCH IN UNSAFE CONDITIONS.