

Thunder & Lightning Delay Policy (If Necessary):

Due to the volume of games being played throughout the weekend, along with the possible weather forecast of thunderstorms, all Keystone Cup games will utilize the following protocol in the event of lightning delays. (Games will be played through rain showers depending upon safe field conditions).

All games must finish within their allotted time slot. An allotted time slot means kick-off time until five (5) minutes before the next scheduled kick-off.

If there are lightning delays:

- One single air horn means clear the fields. If you hear the single air horn sound, you must clear the fields for 30 minutes. When the air horn sounds for three consecutive times, it means all teams should re-take the fields, immediately.

If a lightning delay occurs during a game:

- In the event of lightning delays, all games must be finished 5 minutes prior to the next game slot.
- If, due to a lightning delay a game does not resume during the game slot, or is not completed by the end of this time slot, the following procedures will be in place:
 - If the game is in the second half, the game will be considered complete and over.
 - If the game is in the first half, the tournament director has final say in determining if the result stands.
 - If the game does not kick off, the Keystone Cup Tournament Directors will evaluate the weather and send communication directly to the team contacts as listed in Gotsoccer regarding possible later kickoff times.
- If a game is suspended due to a lightning delay in the first half and resumes within the allotted time slot:
 - Play will resume where the game left off. With that understanding, halftime will be reduced to one minute and as much of the second half should be played within the remaining time slot. Warm up time will be at the referee's discretion (who may consult with the coaches).
- If a lightning delay extends into the next time slot, the next game will begin as soon as possible. Half time will be reduced to two minute and as much of the second half should be played within the remaining time slot.

We believe this protocol will minimize the number of games affected by possible lightning delays.

Please note that the Tournament Directors have final say over all actions and decisions made regarding weather policy, up to and including amendment of the above policy.

As a reminder, weather updates will also be available on the Keystone Cup Tournament home page. Announcement about game changes will be sent directly to coaches and managers as well as posted on the home page.