

Storm Delay Instructions for 2022 CL Force Classic

1. **Lippold Park** has a Thorguard lightning detection system that will sound one long siren when lightning is detected in the vicinity.
2. In the event the lightning detection system doesn't trigger and the tournament staff feel that lightning is less than 10 miles away, air horns will be sounded and Field Marshal's will alert the referees to suspend all games. Air Horns will be sounded at the **MAC Athletic Complex** moments after we hear the siren at Lippold Park
3. The moment games are suspended due to lightning all players, coaches and spectators will be asked to seek shelter in their vehicles.
4. Any player or spectator that does not have a vehicle to take shelter in will be permitted to step inside our soccer house building at Lippold Park, or the main building at the MAC. Note: We ask that the soccer house one be used for shelter for those that have no other place to go. The soccer house capacity is only 40-50 and referees and tournament staff will be occupying the area too.
5. During storm delays, frequent weather updates will be sent to all teams via Gotsport emails to all contacts listed on that team. We will additionally send timely updates on our social media channels.
6. During this time please refrain from calling or seeking to meet with the tournament director. This is a critical time for us to formulate and execute a contingency plan and we will be sure to send out regular updates during this time. Telephone and in-person questions and requests slow down how quickly we can give you the info you are looking for.

How a storm delay will affect games -

1. If we are delayed by more than 30 minutes we will plan on the following course of action:
 1. Games that were already in the 2nd half will be deemed complete.
 2. Games that were in the 1st half will resume and play a 2nd half that will be cut in half (E.g. 30 minute half would be shortened to 15 minutes)
2. With our fields being close to capacity, in the event of a storm delay there is likely to be a trickle down effect that will cause us to shorten games throughout the day. How many games are shortened and for how long will depend on the duration of the storm delay. We will do our best to get games back on track to regular time as soon as possible.
3. If you are not on site & have a later game in the day, there is still a chance your game could be impacted as a result of the trickle down effect. Again we will notify all teams via GotSport email if there is a change in your game time.
4. Games will not be shortened by more than 50% of the original game length.
5. In the event of a long storm delay on Saturday, our last resort will be to move some matches to Sunday. If we are required to move Saturday matches to Sunday, many other matches scheduled for Sunday are likely to be slightly affected.