



The Northern Columbus Athletic Association Adverse Weather Procedure

The Northern Columbus Athletic Association (NCA) follows the Ohio South Guidelines for Lightning and Hazardous Weather conditions. A complete copy of the guidelines can be found on the OSYSA website.

Games are NOT canceled because of rain. They will only be suspended because of adverse weather (see below). If you have any doubts as to whether you should take your child to a game or not, go!!

NCA has a weather hotline you can call to check for weather related cancelations: 270-9222. The recorded message will be updated as needed. If it has not been updated, that means all games are to be played.

The following procedures will be followed for lightning, tornados or other adverse or hazardous weather conditions:

If any lightning is seen or any thunder is heard, the league administrator shall sound the air horn **3 short horn blasts**. All games will be suspended and all individuals shall immediately leave the fields and go to a safe shelter. If no building is available, a car is the safest place.

The games shall remain suspended until no lightning is seen or thunder heard for a minimum of 30 minutes after the last lightning is seen or thunder heard. At that time, the air horn will sound **one long horn blast** to indicate the games can resume. Games shall be restarted at the point at which they were suspended. If players choose to leave the complex and are not present on the field when the game is available to be restarted, the game is considered a forfeit.

If the league administrator determines there will not be sufficient time to complete a game due to night fall, or the adverse weather is likely to remain in the area for a sufficient period that makes it unreasonable for players to remain at the fields, the games will be suspended indefinitely and players may leave the complex. This shall be communicated through **3 short horn blasts - repeated**.

The following guidelines will be used to determine if a game is to be rescheduled after indefinite suspension:

If the first half of a game has been completed, the game will be considered complete and will not be rescheduled. If the first half of a game has not been completed, the game will be rescheduled.

If a **tornado** is seen or heard the air horn will sound **5 short blasts - repeated** and all games will be suspended. All individuals will immediately seek safety in a solid structure, preferably in a basement or in an interior room. If no building is available, lay down in a ditch.

The above restart for indefinite suspension procedures will be followed.

Remember:

- **3 short horn blasts: leave the fields immediately and seek shelter**
- **1 long horn blast: play can resume**
- **3 short horn blasts - repeated: all games are canceled; go home**
- **5 short horn blasts - repeated: tornado is in the area, immediately leave the fields and seek shelter**