



SEVERE WEATHER GAME CANCELATION FAQ'S

One of the key concerns every year with the Kentucky Premier League is weather and its effect on our scheduled games. In order to help streamline the process and make sure everyone is on the same page as quickly as possible when a game is being canceled for severe weather, the KPL has the following policies in place:

Who can cancel a game due to weather? The home team, host venue or referees can cancel a game due to weather and/or unplayable field conditions resulting from weather.

When should a game be canceled due to weather? A number of factors come into play on this decision, but the simple answer is “as early as possible”. Home team/host venues should cancel, if there is a clear forecast that weather will effect a game. The decision should be made at an early enough time to let the visiting team know they will not need to travel. In most cases, the day before a game should suffice, but, if you have an afternoon game, you may wish to wait until the morning of the game to have the best information available to you. That is perfectly acceptable, but you will need to take into consideration your opponent and their travel time in making a timely decision.

What is the proper procedure to cancel a game due to weather? If you decide to cancel a game prior to the game date, you must send an e-mail to the Kentucky Premier League (stevenmurry@kysoccer.net) AND your opponents. You should copy all contacts, as available to you through the Affinity system, for your opponent. You must also call both the Head Coach and the Team Manager for your opponent to ensure they get the information. You should continue trying to contact your opponent until you receive confirmation that they have received the cancelation notice. Please do not assume they got the cancelation.

How are referees notified of a canceled game? If a game is canceled early and KPL is notified, the KPL will take full responsibility to notify the officials of the cancelation. We will communicate with them directly to ensure that end has received the information on all canceled games.

What if a referee determines the field unplayable or the weather too severe to play a game just prior to kickoff? Part of the referee’s job is to ensure player safety. If a referee determines the game should be canceled for any reason, their decision is final. The teams will then have to reschedule the match. No protests/appeals of this decision are accepted.

How do we reschedule a game that has been canceled due to weather? This will follow the standard KPL Reschedule procedures. The two teams are expected to find a new date for the game within ten (10) days of the cancelation and notify the KPL. If the teams cannot come to an agreement, a date will be set by the KPL after a brief consultation with the teams regarding availability.

If you have any additional questions? Call the KPL Hotline at 859-475-7547 or e-mail at stevenmurry@kysoccer.net.