



Recommendations to handle Games During Lightning, Rain, and other Conditions

Arizona Soccer Association follows the recommended practices as follows:

1. In conjunction with City Staff, Park Staff, or Complex Staff at fields that are not privately owned, ASA staff will communicate on the ASA practices in comparison with the Park or Complex practices.
2. When ASA staff is present, a communication process via phone, handheld radio, or other apparatus that can be used by multiple individuals will be leveraged.
3. ASA staff will leverage weather applications such as “NOAA Weather Radar” as one tool to monitor lightning strikes. This usage will be in addition to or in comparison with any applications used by Park or Complex Staff and their best practices.
4. ASA at time will relinquish the decision to terminate or postpone matches based on requirements by Park or Complex staff and their policies when it comes to wind, rain, lightning, or other weather-related circumstances.
5. ASA will share any emergency or evacuation processes with Park or Complex staff and review procedures when the potential for weather related events might occur on days of ASA games or events.
6. ASA utilizes many of the same guidelines provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations in regard to their practices and guidelines for weather related disturbances.¹
7. ASA utilizes the guidance from US Soccer regarding Environmental Conditions.²
8. ASA’s common practice is to monitor if lightning strikes are within 10 miles of the event location. Activities may not resume until 30 minutes after.

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https://www.nfhs.org/media/1014153/guidelines_on_handling_practices_contests_during_lightning_thunder_disturbances_march_2018.pdf

² <http://www.recognizetorecover.org/environmental#heat-hydration>