



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As with any outdoor event, weather can directly affect league-play and tournaments. Our number one determining factor is the players' safety. With that in mind, we will cancel a play if there is standing water on the courts. **WE DO PLAY IN THE RAIN.** On such occasions, if the rain is severe or there is lightning (in the case of a thunderstorm), we will stop play and have everyone seek shelter until it passes. Remember, thunderstorms are rarely longer than 30 minutes during the summer, and usually much less in time.

WEATHER POLICY

In general, league-play and tournaments will not be cancelled due to light to moderate rain. In the event of inclement weather, each individual and team must make their own decision whether to play. This individual/team decision must be made regardless of whether the VolleyPark decides to permit play or hold a tournament, and whether other teams decide to attend.

Should inclement weather cause a team to decide not to attend a tournament, we ask that the team captain or other team representative notify the VolleyPark Director immediately. Failure to notify may cause the team to forfeit a refund or credit of their entry fee. If a team has decided to attend but is concerned about the status of the tournament, a team representative should see the VolleyPark's Facebook page, as this will be our primary form of communication.

The decision to cancel play will not be made until 1 hour prior to playtime. If cancelled, information will be posted on the VolleyPark's Facebook page, and an attempt will be made to notify all registrants via text message using the phone number provided at registration. The VolleyPark will make every effort to hold league-play and tournaments and will almost NEVER cancel a tournament based on "predicted" weather.

SUSPENDED PLAY

Play will be suspended if thunder is heard or there is a lightning strike within visual range of the tournament.

- **Evacuation** – If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters.
 - At night under certain atmospheric conditions, lighting flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event if no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon.



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- **Twenty-Minute Rule** – Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 20 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, during this delay, the storm should have moved 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 20-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

CONTINUED PLAY AFTER DELAY

If a tournament is delayed for more than 45 minutes (either consecutively or non-consecutively), the tournament director may make the decision to modify game play by decreasing the number of points needed to win a set. This decision may be made for both play-in sets and/or final sets.

REFUNDS

League-play: If league-play is canceled by the VolleyPark, each affected team will have the option (but is not required) to reschedule their match(es) on a different day of the following week. Any rescheduled match must be done with the League Director.

Tournament: If a tournament is canceled by the VolleyPark, each team will receive a credit to use toward another tournament. Teams still must register for the future tournament for which they wish to use their credit.

Refunds will be issued under 2 circumstances ONLY: A) If a tournament is canceled due to weather before 12:00PM the day of the tournament, you will be refunded, and **B)** If you cancel 72 hours (3 days) before the day of the tournament, you will be refunded. Anything less than 72 hours will not be refunded. Example: If you are registered to play 5:30 PM Saturday evening, to receive a refund for cancellation, we would need to be notified BEFORE 5:30 PM the Wednesday before the tournament.

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