



Island Recreation Soccer & Hilton Head – Bluffton Soccer Club Severe Weather Policy

Severe Weather shall include:

1. The sighting of lightening
 2. The hearing of thunder
 3. The sighting of a funnel cloud.
- First sighting of **lightening**, all players, coaches, etc... are to **seek shelter** (bathrooms, vehicles, etc...) **IMMEDIATELY**. The team is to wait a **minimum of 30 minutes** without a sound of thunder or a sight of lightening before returning to the field for practice.
 - Please use your best judgment as team leaders with regards to thunder. **Thunder** that is heard in close proximity and sequences will require all players, coaches, etc... to **seek shelter immediately** and to wait a minimum of **30 minutes** without an additional sound of thunder or lightening before returning to the field.
 - First sighting of a **funnel cloud**, all players, coaches, etc... are to **seek shelter IMMEDIATELY**. The team is to wait a **minimum of 30 minutes** without sighting of lightening or funnel cloud or sounding of thunder before returning to the field.
 - **If after 30 minutes the severe weather continues, the practice or scrimmage shall be terminated.**
 - If at any time during any game, practice or scrimmage an adult player or parent/guardian feels that conditions are dangerous or constitute a possibility of a threat of severe weather that poses a risk to their or their child's safety, then that adult player, parent or guardian has the responsibility to remove himself/herself or their child from the game, practice or scrimmage even if the game practice or scrimmage continues. In that event there shall be no penalty to the player, parent or child for such an action.
 - **Coaches and trainers, along with the Hilton Head/Bluffton Soccer Club, can and will be held liable in the event of a Severe Weather related incident if the coach, assistant coach or team manager does not adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Sever Weather Policy.**

Please contact Nate Skager or Bob Rozek if you have any questions regarding our **Sever Weather Policy**. Please use common sense and err on the side of safety when leading your teams out on the practice fields.

Nate Skager – Director of Soccer

Bob Rozek – Recreation Director