

Rain/Bad Weather Policy

1. Cancellation notice will be posted on www.thunderunited.com & 934-6311. Decision will be made by 4:00 PM on weekdays. If both those media still say open at 4:00 on weekdays, weekends 2 hrs before game time, (Preferably 3 hrs) then it becomes a referee gametime decision. This 2 hr item is my standard & not a rule for all. It is so that you can know how to proceed with some time before gametime. Bruce Holcomb, the Larcombs or I have the right to come up to a game up till game time & cancel it for weather. We just don't act that way.
2. Lightning detector. Everyone should be aware that there is a lightning detector on top of the concession stand at McClure. When lightning is detected in the area, it will sound an alarm & begin to flash. Everyone must clear the fields. Games or practice. They should go to their cars. No one may return to the fields until the alarm sounds again with 3 blast to signal all clear. The lights will stop flashing. It is the refs call how long you wait. The 30/30 rule doesn't apply at McClure because of the lightning detector
3. For games being played at Corwin Nixon Park or Heritage Oak Park the Mason Say has said they will contact me when they make a decision. As soon as they tell me I will make a decision & update the hotline. So the hotline is the determining factor. If the Mason Website, <http://www.masonsoccer.org/>, says closed the game will be canceled. But by the hotline so that everyone is on the same page. There is no timeline on this. The rule is an administrator, (in our case me with input from others especially SAY & giving authority to Layne, Dick Bruce H, John Butler or the Larcombs if need be) may cancel a match for weather, right up to game time. At game time it becomes the refs call. SAY has said they will call me to let me know something is closed. If that site says closed & the hotline doesn't indicate that then I need notified. (But this should never happened) Please do not call until you have confirmed there is a conflict between the website & the hotline.

It should be noted that once a game starts, only the officials of that match may terminate it. They are asked to honor the decisions also But they are also told to be in charge of the game.

4. Practices in Mason will seldom if ever be cancelled. We simply do not have the manpower to check that many places. If they are they also will be posted on the hotline 934-6311.

So the summary is to check the hotline, 934-6311 & figure it is right. There should almost never be a reason to call me directly to ask if a game is canceled. Remember, I am probably on a field somewhere. Maybe ignoring your call because a game is in progress. & no one else at my house knows what you are talking about. Check the hotline. It is always right. If it says, "At this time all fields are open for regularly scheduled use." Then they are. I don't change it unless there is a change.

Final thought on this is that it is my call as to if we cancel a game or not. I will honor the opinion of several people. But there has to be one voice that speaks for this & it is the hotline.