

MTFL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The League's 'Weather Policy' relates to threats of severe weather surrounding the immediate playing field.

It is up to the Head Referee to decide to postpone a game if weather conditions are unsafe. If lightning is in the area, the Head Referee is to consider delaying the game until lightning has moved off, and is safe to continue.

Furthermore, the following guidelines should be used:

- Single Game (unlit field): The start time of 7:00 pm can be delayed until 7:30 pm and have time re-adjusted to a one-hour game format (four 15-minute quarters) OR if actual daylight conditions permit, the use of four 18 minute quarters without a half-time may also be used to execute the game.**
- Double Headers (lit field): The game officials could wait as late as 8:00 pm and still get in two one-hour games. If at 8:00 pm, the conditions are unsafe, then the first game is postponed to a later date, and they can wait as long as 9:15 pm to start the second game.**

Although teams are expected to wait out the unfavourable weather conditions, officials should use their judgment to determine whether safe conditions for the game are likely to exist throughout the time frame of revised game.

Real-time observation and use of current weather reports should assist in determining whether to play the game or postpone it to another date.

The officiating crew is expected to remain on site through the original start time of both games in order to communicate its decision to all teams.

In the case where weather causes the Head Official to suspend play, it is at the Head Officials sole discretion as to whether the game continues.

For a game to be considered official, the 3rd quarter must have started and the first play from scrimmage must have been completed. .