

## **GAME DAY RULES FOR ALL AGE LEVELS**

All players should arrive at the field 30 minutes before game time. Coaches and their assistants should be there at least this far in advance, in case players need to be called to remind them of game time or a last minute cancellation.

If games are cancelled, coaches will be called at least 2 hours in advance. A message will also be added to the front page of the website, as soon as a decision is reached. The cancellation of games may be only be made by the president of Laurel Soccer (in the case of home games) or a designated individual. Coaches are not permitted to cancel games; they are in charge of canceling practices.

**U-6 Games cancelled if moderate and continuous rain,  
okay to play in light on and off drizzle.**

**U-8 Games cancelled if more than moderate or continuous rain okay to play in light to moderate rain.**

**U-10 Games cancelled only if heavy downpour,  
okay to play in light to moderate rain.**

**U-12 & up do not cancel unless unsafe weather conditions.**

Any age level, once lightning is seen (even in distance), game is postponed and all players, fans and coaches leave the field and remain off until 30 minutes passes from last lightning strike. If lightning persists, referee has option to call game off. If more than half the U-6 thru U-10 game has been played, it is considered complete. U-12 & up, decision to reschedule match is decided at the field by the two coaches.

The center referee of a game upon arriving at the field assumes control of the field prior to, during and after the game. It is his / her call as to whether or not to cancel delay or cut a game short. Both coaches may discuss with the referee their opinions as to unsafe weather or field conditions. This discussion must take place at a natural stoppage of play and be carried out in a calm & objective discussion away from the parents and players. The referee will make the final decision after listening to the reasoning of both coaches.

Any criticism of the handling of a game by any referees is not to be taken up directly with the referee. The coach should contact the

club's referee coordinator at his / her earliest convenience and explain the situation, if possible put it in writing and mail or e-mail. The referee coordinator is responsible for educating or disciplining all club referees.

Upon arrival at the field, when the time is appropriate, all players & coaching staff (Limit of three per team) should assemble at the far side of the field, one side or the other of the half line. No fans are allowed on this side of the field, nor are they allowed on either end by the goals.

Fans must keep back at least 5 feet from the touchline, in order to guard the players and fans safety during the game. This room is also reserved for the referee or linespeople administering the game.

Coaches are reminded to only issue tactical instructions during a game and not to criticize player's behavior. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the fans before, during and after the match. If a coach has a parent that they feel they cannot control, please do not hesitate to contact the president of the club and if necessary, disciplinary action may be taken.

**Final game day rule – LET THE KIDS HAVE FUN!**

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