



## Stoneham Soccer Club

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### **Inclement Weather Policy**

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#### **I. Purpose**

- A. Soccer games are normally played rain or shine. However, it is the policy of the Stoneham Soccer Club (SSC) to play games only when the conditions are safe for the participants and when playing would not unduly damage the playing surface. Waterlogged fields create frustrating and hazardous playing conditions, and the fields become extremely vulnerable to heavy damage, which affects future playability in both the short- and long-term. The league understands there are circumstances that prevent players from attending games in poor weather (or at any time during the season), but the expectation is that games are to be played as scheduled unless decided upon by commissioners and the Board.

#### **II. Policy**

- A. All communications are delivered by e-mail. Members are reminded to keep all contact information up to date

#### **B. Town Program**

1. In the event of ongoing or impending inclement weather, SSC Commissioners evaluate Cerrone Park (Broadway fields) for safety before 7 am on Sundays.
2. Games will be cancelled if the field conditions are poor and could lead to player injury, or if lightning is anticipated.
  - Cancellation information will be posted on the SSC website homepage by 7:15 am in the upper right corner of the home page, and an e-mail will be sent out to families.
3. Games will play as scheduled if it is determined that the weather will not create a safety issue for players.
4. SSC will cancel games in progress and remaining games if it is determined that field conditions are unsafe for continued play. This decision will be made by the Board Member(s) on duty at the field.
5. Games cancelled by SSC will be made up at a date to be determined by SSC. Games cancelled in progress will not be made up.
6. Coaches cannot cancel games if the Club has determined that games are playable. Games cancelled by coaches because of inclement weather cannot be made up.

#### **C. Travel Program -**

1. Field Closures are determined early Saturday mornings and posted on the Middlesex League website. The link is located in the right bar on the home page.

2. If games are underway during inclement weather, it is up to the assigned referee to cancel games.

**D. Field Closure**

1. SSC occasionally will need to close Cerrone Park (Broadway fields) because of unsafe field conditions. Closures will be posted in the upper right corner of the SSC website home page
2. All coaches shall cancel their practices until the field is opened again.
3. SSC discourages coaches from holding practices on other sports fields.