

Lightning Policy & Procedures

For use at the Soccer Complex in Bernalillo

Referees will have control of the match with the ability to stop or delay the match due to weather problems. Once the “All Stop / Clear the Field” signal is sounded by the complex this policy and procedures take over. Field Marshals, Coaches, Referees, Parents and or players cannot over ride the complex decision to clear the field.

Procedures

Complex will sound an “All Stop / Clear the Field” signal when the complex is being shut down and cleared for lightning. (This will be a long sounding siren)

Once shut down every 5 minutes the complex will resound the “All Stop / Clear the Field” siren until the lightning danger has passed.

Once the danger has passed the complex will sound the “All-Clear” signal. (Double tones)

Once the all-clear signal is given matches will be given a 10-minute maximum warm up time frame (the 10 minutes start at the sounding of the resume play signal). Control of the match then goes back to the referee.

Matches will **end / be terminated** at 10 minutes prior to the next scheduled game time on that field. If the match is still in the first half the match will have to be rescheduled. If the match is in the second half the score of the match will count as a completed match. The field marshals may advise the DCSL staff of special circumstances that have arise due to the lightning delay and they (DCSL) have the ability to make exceptions to this policy.