

Appendix 4: Severe Weather Cancellation Protocol

Occasionally, games may have to be cancelled at the last minute due to severe weather: snow, unsafe driving conditions, road closures, field closures, and ferry closures. Unfortunately, cold, wet and windy conditions are a part of winter soccer!

Games involving travel to/from Powell River may be cancelled due to severe weather only if ferries are cancelled or if weather (storm or wind) warnings are posted on the Environment Canada pages for Powell River or Comox, or the BC Ferries website. Weather information from other sources is not an acceptable basis for a severe weather game cancellation.

In this order:

1. Coaches in the affected communities are to call their Opponent's Coaches.
2. Both team's coaches are to notify their respective players/parents.
3. Both team's coaches are to notify their Club designate and, if you are the HOME team, ensure that all internal calls are made to notify the: Club Administrator, Club Referee Scheduler and Club Field Scheduler. **Please follow your club's internal protocol.**
4. Both team's coaches are to email cancellation notification to UISA Executive Director @ UpperIslandSoccerOffice@gmail.com.
5. UISA Executive Director to email those affected with further cancellation/rescheduling information, and update UISA website.

Please note:

-It is a good idea to touch base with your opponent's coach the night before, so you can ensure you have a game plan for game day!

- It is good practice for all teams to become familiar with their opposing teams' websites to check for field closures. On the UISA website at uisa.ca, click on the "About UISA" menu and select the "Members" option. Links to all Club websites are located here.

- Coaches contact info is also on the UISA website – select the Youth Soccer Menu and then the "Teams" page.

-Also check the UISA website for the status of your games. Once I receive notice of closures or cancellations, I will post these on the website and notify the affected teams.

Sanctions of up to \$400 may apply to teams who do not follow the severe weather protocol.