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East London Soccer Lightning Policy

Reminder: Please remember that a soccer pitch is already a high risk for a lightning strike - adding an umbrella to the mix just increases the chance of this happening. The result is severe injury or even death (please remember what happened not too long ago in Brampton). Let's protect our players and ourselves by using good judgment on the field and ensuring that once a game is called for lightning that you immediately get off the field, taking your umbrella down (if applicable) and get to safety.

Overview

The occurrence of severe weather, including Thunder and Lightning is a reality of playing outdoor soccer. To protect our children from the possibility of injury, the following general guidelines will be enforced:

Guidelines

- The referee decides at the scheduled game time whether or not the game can be started, based on the weather and field conditions.
- At the onset of lightning the game is called immediately and all persons (players, spectators, etc.) must leave the field at once.
- Calling a game will be done by the Referee.
- The game must be called within the regular scheduled game time.
- Each game on a given night must be called individually.
- If one game is called, then all games currently being played at that location will be called.

State of the Game when Called	Result
If the Game is called BEFORE half time:	The Game MAY be rescheduled.
If the Game is called DURING or AFTER half time:	The Game is considered "Official" and the score stands, as of the time the game was called.