



Indiana Invaders Fall Classic

September 9- 11, 2011
SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

MONITORING

- a) A weather radio will be operating at each Site Coordinator's tent. This will permit continuous monitoring of severe weather throughout the tournament.
- b) Indiana Invaders management will be monitoring Doppler radar via the internet in case of severe weather.
- c) Site Coordinators and Field Marshalls will use sound horn to alert field participants of any weather threat and to declare the suspension of play.
- d) Site Coordinators are in contact with each Field Marshall by radio or cell phone to quickly inform the Field Marshalls regarding any severe weather threat.

LIGHTENING THREAT

A Lighting Threat exists either upon visually observing the lighting or upon hearing thunder. The Lighting Threat will continue to exist until the site has been free of thunder and visual observance of lighting for a period of 30 minutes. If, during the existence of a Lighting Threat, lighting is seen or thunder is heard, a new 30 minute period will begin. Referees must protect the safety of all participants by stopping game activities quickly, so that participants and spectators may retire to a safer place before the lightning threat becomes significant.

OTHER SEVERE WEATHER THREATS

A Severe Weather Threat exists when a severe weather **warning** has been issued for the area including the tourney site, or upon the issuance of a severe weather **watch** at the discretion of the Site Coordinator/ Tournament Director. Severe weather includes the threat of tornadoes, or damaging storms.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING SEVERE WEATHER

After a Lighting/Severe Weather Threat has been issued, the Site Coordinator will contact each Field Marshall by radio or cell phone, and blow sound horn to capture the attention of the participants. Field Marshalls will notify the referees to stop play. All Participants shall immediately stop the game in session and seek appropriate shelter.

Immediately seek proper shelter. No place outside is safe during a Severe Weather Threat. The Indiana Invaders will utilize their indoor facilities to provide shelter. Participants may choose to take shelter in their appropriate vehicles. No one should be located near or in wide open areas, including soccer fields, any tall objects (light poles, trees, fences, metal bleachers or sheds).

If there is no time to get inside the Invaders Indoor facility or a vehicle, Participants should either find a ravine or squat down, feet closely together, with your arms wrapped around your legs. Make sure all items containing metal (like umbrellas) are at least 15 feet away.

ENDING SEVERE WEATHER THREATS

If 30 consecutive minutes pass without lightening, thunder, or if the severe weather warning has expired, Site Coordinator/Tournament Director will blow the whistles and contact the Field Marshalls to resume play.

IMPACT OF SHORTENED/CANCELLED GAMES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

If the first half has not been completed and the game is stopped, every effort will be made to complete the game, or play to completion of at least the first half and record the score as final.

Note: If necessary, game lengths may be shortened to accommodate scheduling requirements. It is the responsibility of each coach to check Tournament Headquarters for any reschedule information. However, in the event that first half completion or rescheduling is not possible because of weather conditions, results will be decided as follows:

- a) Team up by 2 goals or more shall be awarded a win.
- b) Score difference of 1 or less will be scored as a tie.

Games called during the second half are considered complete and will be scored according to the score at the time the game is called.