

RAIN & LIGHTNING POLICY

When we have light to moderate rain in the early afternoon, we will wait to make any decision until we get to the fields. Or, if inclement weather develops at the time just prior to practice or during practice, we will delay any decision for 30 minutes. This will enable us to make a more informed decision & allow us to see if bad weather actually develops or whether it passes by. The two factors that will cause the rain out to be confirmed are: 1) persistent lightning within 20 miles during that 30 minutes and/or 2) continuous heavy rain that causes the fields to be waterlogged.

During the 30-minute delay parents will remain at the fields or arrange for their child to stay in a friend's car. No child will be permitted to be on the field if there is lightning within 20 miles.

We know this may cause a tough decision for our members who travel farther distances. Those parents & players can make a judgement call as to whether to make the trip or not. If you choose not to attend, your player has the option to attend another practice with your coach at their convenience.

In the case of significant rain during the day, we will try to make a decision about the fields as soon as we can have a member of staff inspect the complex. We will only send out information about cancellations or closures, we will not send out information if training will continue as normal. Every effort will be made to make a choice as early as possible.

You should contact your Team Manager if you have questions about whether training is on or not. The DOC's or the Business Manager will contact the TM's or send an email from the AJAX App (mass email) with the most up to date information on days when weather could affect training.

EXCESSIVE HEAT POLICY

AJAX will cancel training (or possibly schedule training at an indoor facility) if the National Weather Service issues a Heat Advisory or an Excessive Heat Warning for our area. These weather statements say that the heat index will be between 109 and 114 degrees. An Excessive Heat Warning states that no outside activities or exercise should be engaged in before dusk (just before sunset). For this reason, AJAX will cancel or modify the training schedule (or move to an indoor facility if available).

Texas Temperatures can be very hot in the late Spring to Late Fall. It is not possible to avoid training or playing games in the heat in South Texas.

COLD WEATHER POLICY

AJAX follows the Cold Weather Guidelines provided for us by the USSF (US Soccer Federation).

The effects of cold weather can impact health and safety during practices and games. The definition of "cold stress" varies across the United States, depending on how accustomed people are to cold weather. A player from Minnesota will have a much different threshold for cold than a player from Florida (or Texas).

For that reason, AJAX will cancel training when there is a moderate or high risk of cold related illness or injury (which varies depending on the temperature, wind speed, will chill, etc.) Please see the link below for additional information from USSF.

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