



## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The safety of players, coaches, volunteers, parents and referees is the primary concern during all activities of the North York Cosmos Soccer Club. While games and practices may be scheduled "rain or shine" they must only proceed when it is safe to do so.

### **Field Conditions:**

The North York Cosmos Soccer Club will close fields as directed by City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Field Closure Policies. This may occur in the event of heavy or long lasting rainfall.

### **Game Cancellations:**

The decision to start or continue a game will be made at the field by the referee. These decisions are final. For Tyke and Mini Soccer, the coaches or convenor will make the decision whether to start or stop play in the event of unsafe weather conditions.

### **Parental Discretion:**

Regardless of the decisions made by the Club, Referee, Coach or Convenor, parents/guardians should always use their own judgement when a thunderstorm or other unsafe weather event is occurring.

### **Lightning Policy/Severe Weather Policy:**

The North York Cosmos Soccer Club follows the policy for lightning / severe weather as set out by Ontario Soccer. If you see lightning and hear thunder 30 seconds apart or less, all play will be suspended for at least 30 minutes. Everyone must take shelter in a safe location.

If no enclosed buildings are available, fully enclosed vehicles (cars, trucks, vans, buses) with closed windows provide good shelter from lightning. Never stand under trees, in an open field, or under an umbrella

### **Extreme Heat Policy:**

Where temperatures exceed 30C, extra water and rest breaks will be implemented by coaches and referees.