



CSA Weather and Field Closure Policy

Inclement Weather Information

If CCPR closes a field at any of the county parks, satellite, or school fields and a team is scheduled to use it, this means the practice, training, and/or game is canceled. You can get up to date CCPR field closures by calling the CCPR weather hotline (410-535-1600 ext 2640), checking their website, or Facebook page.

For Calverton and St. John Vianney, it is open unless notified by the club.

CSA maintains the right to close fields for CSA events prior to CCPR if we feel conditions are unsafe to participate or commute to practice, training, and/or games.

Lightning Policy

CSA activities may be cancelled if lightning or thunderstorms are projected to occur throughout the duration of a given practice, training, and/or game.

If lightning or thunderstorms develop during practice, training, and/or games with lightning strikes within 10 miles, CSA activities are to be stopped immediately and all players, coaches, and spectators are to take shelter in their vehicles or another nearby safe location.

Coaches are required to monitor lightning strikes. The time from the sight of lightning to the sound of thunder may be used (50 seconds or less = 10 miles or less)

- All practice, training, and/or games will be delayed for 30 minutes at the first lightning strike within 10 miles.
- The 30-minute delay will restart every time lightning strikes within 10 miles.
- Players, parents, and spectators are not to return to the fields until a full 30 minutes has passed without a lightning strike within 10 miles.
- Clear sky, blue sky, and sun shining does not mean the area is safe to resume practice, training and/or games!

- All practice sessions will finish at their designated time unless field space and coaches' availability allow for a practice extension.
- Games may be cancelled for any lightning strike within 10 miles after the initial 30-minute
- Coaches are not permitted to leave players unattended. SAFETY IS THE PRIORITY.

Cold Weather Policy

Calvert Soccer Association shall follow the policy outlined below for teams that are scheduled to practice outdoors:

- Field Conditions must be safe and conducive for an effective and productive training session.
- For teams U13 and YOUNGER, the temperature shall not be lower than 32 degrees, and the wind chill/"feels like" shall not be lower than 27 degrees.
- For teams U14 and OLDER, the wind chill/"feels like" shall not be lower than 25 degrees.
- Practices may also be canceled due to rain, sleet, or other factors that may influence road conditions, or greatly affect the effectiveness and productivity of a training session.

Heat Weather Policy

- Field Conditions must be safe and conducive for an effective and productive training session.
- For all teams, the "feels like" temperature shall not be higher than 100 degrees.
- When practicing in warmer temperatures, players are encouraged to hydrate ahead of activities, bring extra water, take additional water breaks throughout (in shaded areas if available), and exercise caution if not feeling well.
- Practices may also be canceled due to rain, storms, or other factors that may influence road conditions, or greatly affect the effectiveness and productivity of a training session.

CSA uses Accuweather (Prince Frederick, MD location) as the weather source to make decisions on when to cancel CSA OUTDOOR trainings/practices due to temperature. Decisions will be made based on the "feel like" temperatures at 6:00 p.m.