

REGIONAL GIRLS SOCCER PROCEDURES (IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER)

As we know, this time of year you can have a variety of weather. The forecasts may or may not be accurate but being proactive in these situations is very important. The following would be the process the IGHSAU would like to follow in the event that the participating schools have questions related to the playing of these Regional games.

1. Continue to monitor the weather forecast and weather in your area (as we know this varies from the part of the state you are in and even the part of the area in which you reside). The IGHSAU will also be monitoring the forecast and weather around the state.
2. **During post-season matches in which there is a weather delay in the 2nd half, no match may be started/restarted any time after 3 hours of the actual starting time. (A game that starts at 7:00 pm could not start/resume after 10:00 pm). During this weather/delay, teams may mutually agree to end the game if there is a team leading during this delay. (Rule 7-1-3 of the NFHS rules allow the officials and teams to end the game in the 2nd half if there is a team in the lead.**

If the match is still in the first half, tied at halftime or anytime after halftime and the match cannot be restarted within the policy provided, the match shall be considered suspended and continued on the next available date.

If the match has a team ahead by one goal or more at halftime or anytime after halftime and the match cannot be restarted with the policy provided, the center referee under the jurisdiction of the IGHSAU shall declare the match final with the team ahead determined the winner.

3. During the post-season matches in which there is a weather delay in the second half, no match may be started/restarted any time after three hours of the originally scheduled time. (Ex: a game scheduled to start at 7:00 pm could not start/resume after 10:00 pm). If a team is ahead they will be declared the winner. If match is tied, it will resume the next day.
4. During this weather/delay, teams may mutually agree to end the match if there is a team leading during this delay. (Rule 7-1-3 of the NFHS rules allow the officials and teams to end the match in the 2nd half if there is a team in the lead - this provision provides a timeline for teams to delay/restart). A match that has met the complete game requirements (one half completed) but has ended due to weather/facility/injury may be recognized as a complete match.
5. AD's from both the host school and the visiting school should communicate with each other and your local administration and transportation. (options, timeline, etc.)
6. Communicate with the IGHSAU – please email me at tonya@ighsau.org if you have questions related to the game – for example, if you are wondering about adjusting the starting time of the game due to the timing of the weather, touch base with me; if you are considering postponing the game, touch base with me. Ultimately, the final confirmation of any changes would come from the IGHSAU prior to any final decision.
7. In general, our hope is to play the game as scheduled. If we are not able to due to the conditions, we would play the next day. If your facility is not available the next day or you have a conflict with the boys tournament or regular season, please let me know – we may need to move the location of the game or work with the IHSAA about a possible DH if the boys are scheduled to play soccer. One additional factor would be the availability of officials on the dates.

8. If there are any recommended changes in starting times or postponements, the IGHS AU must receive this information (and give final approval) –we will then be posting these changes on the Bound website. ***IF A POSTPONEMENT OCCURS, CONTACT THE OFFICIAL CREW CHIEF THAT THERE IS A POSTPONEMENT; HAVE THE CREW CHIEF NOTIFY THE OTHER OFFICIALS; TELL THE CREW CHIEF TO TELL THE OFFICIALS THAT THE OFFICIALS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE NEW GAME TIME AND DATE.*** In addition, the IGHS AU will notify Hido Tica, IGHS AU Coordinator of Officials to adjust official's assignments. Locally, once this communication and approval has occurred with the IGHS AU, you then would communicate with your local media and or social media.
9. DragonFly will have all the officials contact information for you. If you need assistance with that please contact the IGHS AU office and we can assist.

I will have my cell phone and email with me at all times – if you need to personally touch base with me – my number is 319-533-7519 and email is tonya@ighsau.org ..

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