



2011 TIPPCO Soccer Extreme Tournament

Severe Weather Policy

The TIPPCO Soccer Association (TSA) and the organizers of the Soccer Extreme Tournament want to ensure the safety of all players, coaches, referees and spectators. Because severe weather cannot be predicted, the Soccer Extreme Tournament has developed this policy to ensure the safety of all its participants. The Tournament Committee will have mobile devices at their disposal to monitor any inclement weather. If at any time any participant has questions regarding severe weather, please contact either the Tournament Director, a field Marshall, or a member of the Tournament Committee. These individuals may be found at the fields or the tournament headquarters tent.

The only time a game will be delayed or canceled will be due to lightning or hazardous storms that contain tornado warnings. Once lightning or tornado warnings have been reported to the Field Marshall, Referee Assigner or Tournament Director, they will implement procedures to evacuate the fields. Teams and spectators will be notified to evacuate the fields by one of the following methods: (1) Field Marshall notifying the referees and coaches, (2) single long blast of an air horn, or (3) announcement over a blow horn. All fields must be cleared during this time. Nobody will be allowed on the fields.

Play will resume when the Tournament Committee determines it is safe to return to the fields. In the event of lightning, play will resume 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike. Restart of suspended games, as well as any match length adjustments for such restarted matches, will be the decision of the Tournament Committee. Matches that reached half time at the time play was suspended will be considered to be complete games with the score at time of suspension of play being the final score. If matches did not reach the end of first half when play is suspended, every effort will be made to complete the game or play at least the first half and record the score as final. If the game is cancelled before it starts, every effort will be made to



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reschedule the game. It is the responsibility of each coach to check tournament headquarters for rescheduling information.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel matches that can not be played due to persistent inclement weather, unsatisfactory field conditions or other uncontrollable situations, although every effort will be made to play the matches as scheduled. However, in the event that rescheduling is not possible, and game cancellation creates a situation where teams within the division are unable to play an equal number of qualifying games, the group winner will be determined on the basis of average tournament points for games played (including the tie breaking procedure). The team with the highest average number of points will be declared the winner of the group. In the event there is a tie which cannot be resolved by point averaging, the advancing team will be determined by a coin toss, or penalty kicks, per FIFA as directed by the Tournament Director. If in the event the Championship game cannot be played, the winner will be decided by penalty kicks or by coin toss. If the tournament is canceled due to events beyond the control of the Tournament Committee, the tournament will not be required to make any financial remuneration.