

Inclement Weather Policy- June, 2018

The ULA covers an extremely large geographical area in CNY; from Oswego to Ithaca and Auburn to New Hartford. The weather conditions in the ULA region are often volatile, changeable, and unpredictable. The weather conditions in Syracuse at 4 p.m. may and probably do look quite different than the conditions in Fulton, Chittenango, and Auburn at that same time.

Coaches are not to cancel games unless they are notified by the ULA. Coaches and their teams are to go to their game site and abide by the decisions made by the game Officials and the Game Site Coordinator.

A. Severe Weather

If a tornado is forecasted to occur in the ULA region during game time hours, then the ULA will make the call and cancel games for that evening.

A decision will be made by 4 p.m. and posted on the ULA website (www.ulalax.com).

B. Heat Index

The ULA follows the “Heat Index Procedures” (7/2016) as set forth by NYSPHSAA (see attached for details).

If the heat index is forecasted at the “Heat Index Alert” level (96+ degrees) through out the ULA region at game time then the ULA will cancel games for that evening.

A decision will be made by 4 p.m. and posted on the ULA website (www.ulalax.com).

If the heat index is in the “Heat Index Watch” range (91 to 95 degrees), the ULA will follow the guidelines set forth by NYSPHSAA.

C. Thunderstorms/rain

Due to the fact that the ULA region is so large, it is difficult to predict the impact that thunderstorms may have in any particular area. Organizations/teams will follow the ULA game schedule as planned. Report to the game site and the game officials, in conjunction with the field site coordinator and the coaches, will determine whether or not the game/s will be played. The NYSPHSAA policy for “Thunder and Lightning” policy (10/01) will be followed. Coaches/organizations will not cancel games in advance of an inclement weather forecast.

Organizations that host ULA games will have a “safety plan” in place in the event of unsafe weather conditions. This “safety plan” will be initiated by the game officials and the field site coordinator. Coaches, players, parents, and spectators will follow the plan.

If local school districts cancel “after school activities” for any reason, ULA games cannot be played at those sites.

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