



VIPL Severe Weather Game Cancellation Protocol



Occasionally, games may have to be cancelled **ON GAME DAY** due to severe weather: snow, unsafe driving conditions, road closures, field closures, and ferry closures. Unfortunately, cold, wet and windy conditions are a part of winter soccer!

In this order:

1. When severe weather is in the forecast and fields have not been closed, team officials in the affected communities are to call the opposing team officials the night before the game to discuss.
2. Both team officials are to notify their respective players/parents and have them be prepared for a cancellation or to leave on short notice if necessary.
3. In the morning, the host team is to verify field condition, adhering to the field open/close decision of the host club.
4. Both team officials are to look up the Drive BC website at drivebc.ca and check the **map** and **webcams** to assess travel routes to the game location.
5. Both team officials are to look at Environment Canada's website at weather.gc.ca/canada_e.html, to determine current and forecast weather conditions.
6. Team officials to make contact and discuss the field and road conditions as well as weather forecast and make a final decision on the game status.
 - Decisions must be made allowing for a minimum timeframe for communication and travel of:
 - i. 3 hours for any LISA vs LISA game
 - ii. 5 hours for any UI Storm scheduled game
 - iii. 6 hours for any LISA vs UI Riptide game
 - **If fields are open, roads are clear, there is no snow in the forecast and the threshold for minimum timeframe has been met, the game must proceed and parents/players are to be notified immediately.**

If any game must be cancelled:

1. Both team officials are to notify their Club designate and, if you are the HOME team, ensure that all internal calls are made to notify the Club Administrator, Club Referee Scheduler and Club Field Scheduler. **Please follow your club's internal protocol.**
2. Both team officials are to email cancellation notification to UISA Executive Director @ upperislandsocceroffice@gmail.com
3. UISA Executive Director will email those affected with further cancellation/rescheduling information, and update VIPL website.

Please note:

- Coaches contact info is also on the VIPL website on the Teams & Rosters menu. Filter to desired division and team.

- It is good practice for all teams to become familiar with their opposing teams websites to check for field closures.

- On the UISA website: uisa.ca - from the drop-down menus, choose "About UISA", then the "Members" page. Links to all Club websites are located here. All UISA Clubs have their field status on their home page.

- On the LISA website: www.lowerislandsoccer.com on the drop-down menu, click on "Clubs". Links to all Club websites are located on the "Member Clubs and Boundaries" page. All LISA Clubs have links to their field status on their home page.