



# Fusion F.C. Field Closure Procedures

The decision to close fields is based on current field conditions as well as the forecasted weather for that particular day. Fields will be closed when it is determined that the conditions are unsafe for play or it is necessary to protect the fields. The VP of Facilities and other designated Board Members will make the call to close our fields as early as possible.

Assume fields are OPEN unless communication is sent by the organization.

Unless noted otherwise, when the call to close fields is made, all fields will be closed, no exceptions.

## **Communication**

When the decision to close fields is made, communication will be sent out via email, posted on social media site(s) and posted to the Fusion F.C. website. Field status information can be found at the top right of the Home Page.

## **Practices**

Fusion F.C. will attempt to close fields at least 1 hour prior to practices starting and will send communication out as soon as determined.

In the event that NO closure is made during a practice evening, coaches are able to make the determination on if they wish to cancel practices or not. There will be instances where parents do not receive notification from Fusion but they may have a practice cancellation from their coaches.

## **Travel Games**

Fusion F.C. follows the guidelines of our governing body CPYSL. While their Coaching Guidelines document changes year to year, the information regarding field closures has remained consistent and includes the following information (as of April 2023), Fusion F.C. can close fields prior to 3 hours before game time. If determination to close a field is made within 3 hours of the game starting, only the referee can cancel.

## **Recreation Games**

Fusion F.C. will close fields at least 1 hour prior to the game start time, there have been instances where the earlier games were played as scheduled and cancellation was sent later in the morning only impacting a portion of the scheduled games for that day.



If the weather turns during a game, coaches can make the determination to call the game during that time. With discussions and agreements between both parties and the referee assigned to the field.

*Please keep in mind that there are exceptions to this policy, as weather can unexpectedly turn at the last minute that may require late notice to be sent to the membership.*

## Lightning Policy

As a reminder, Fusion F.C. follows the [Lightning Policy](#) established by CPYSL. Observed lightning or thunder heard will suspend play IMMEDIATELY. All players, coaches, and spectators should take shelter in their vehicle for no less than 30 minutes. Additional strikes of lightning will reset the clock to 30 minutes.

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*Please keep in mind that you may see closure notifications from Fusion F.C. when other local clubs remain open. Fusion F.C. is one of the only organizations in the Central PA area that own and maintain our own complex, protecting our fields in weather conditions is important due to the additional work that may be required to correct damaged fields.*