



BAD WEATHER POLICY (AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS)

Around the globe sport is played in almost every imaginable weather condition including snow!

Parents and children can expect training to be cold, wet, windy, and miserable at times. Conversely, the weather may be extremely hot, humid, and uncomfortable in summer.

Please consider the following guidelines regarding After School Programs:

- SOCCERWISE & SPORTWISE After School Programs **are never cancelled** for weather related reasons.
- During extreme weather conditions such as hail and lightening or extremely hot, windy, or rainy days, the duration of the program (the actual sport portion) may be shortened at the discretion of Soccerwise/Sportwise staff. On these rare occasions the program may consist of a mix of outdoor and indoor activities. Nonetheless, the program will still conclude at the advertised (usual) session end time. As such, parents do not have to pick up their children early on extreme weather days.
- **IMPORTANT: PARENTS THAT TAKE THEIR CHILDREN HOME FOR WEATHER RELATED REASONS SHOULD LET SOCCERWISE/SPORTWISE STAFF KNOW IMMEDIATELY. OTHERWISE SOCCERWISE/SPORTWISE STAFF AS WELL AS SCHOOL STAFF (TEACHERS, FRONT OFFICE STAFF, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, ETC.) WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR CHILD.**
- Dependant on weather conditions, Soccerwise/Sportwise staff may also opt to run a modified program. For example:
 - ✓ *Less running in hot conditions or playing in shaded areas.*
 - ✓ *Moving indoors to conduct the program if the school has an indoor sports facility, hall or gym and permission has been granted by the school to use such facility.*
 - ✓ *Moving indoors to a classroom to supervise the children and conduct a Sports Quiz.*
 - ✓ *More frequent and longer drink/rest breaks.*
 - ✓ *Conducting a modified program in an undercover area of the school but still outside.*
- In the unlikely event that the sport portion of the program cannot proceed due to extremely poor / dangerous weather conditions (e.g., electrical storms and lightning) - children will be supervised 'indoors' by Soccerwise/Sportwise coaches/staff for the duration of the program until the advertised session end time. There is a state-wide ban on sport being played whilst lightning is in the vicinity. No-one (children or coaches) will remain outside in that case.
- It is parents / guardians responsibility to ensure their children are picked up on time at the end of the program or alternate arrangements made. If parents / guardians are running late to pick up their children, they should contact Soccerwise/Sportwise immediately. **Children not picked up on time (by the advertised session end time) will be taken to and signed in to After Care.**