## **Weather Policy**

## The 30-30 Rule (lightning) will be in effect at all HYSA tournaments

If the tournament officials detect or see lightning or thunder, the games will be stopped for a minimum period of 30 minutes. Should there be lightning during the 30-minute stoppage then the 30-minute count will start again. (This is USSF Policy).

## **Inclement Weather**

Should severe and adverse weather conditions affect the safety of players and the outcome of tournament games, the games will be stopped until such time when play can commence. Only assigned game referee or the Tournament Director can terminate games due to inclement weather.

## **Game Stoppage**

If game stoppage due to lightning or inclement weather goes beyond 45 minutes, or game is stopped by the referee or the Tournament Director, due to unplayable field conditions, then the game will be considered over and will not be restarted and the result will be determined as follows

- o If the game had at least reached half time then the score stands as is.
- o If the game had not reached half but one team was 3 or more goals ahead then the score stands as is
- o If the game had not reached half and there was less than a 3-goal difference then a Penalty Shootout will determine the winner and a 1-0 score will be recorded. Should either time, light or severe weather prevent the shootout from taking place, then the game will be declared a tie. If this occurs in a championship round then dual winners will be awarded.
- o If severe weather results in some games not being able to even start due to time constraints or the referee determines the field to be unplayable, then the tournament committee will have full discretion over determining a result.