



## Achieve Lacrosse Tournaments Inclement Weather & Evacuation Plan

Achieve Lacrosse event management along with the tournament facility managers will take the following steps to maintain the safety of participants and spectators as well as the playability of the fields.

### **Weather Alerts and Protocol:**

Outdoor facilities plan to respond to sudden weather emergencies: Achieve lacrosse event staff will monitor the weather radar during the event.

- lightening detected within a five mile radius
- strong winds or downpours
- flooded playing surfaces
- extreme heat

**Weather Warning:** all fields and team managers will be alerted at least thirty minutes prior to the potential weather event. The potential of lightening, tornado warnings, severe winds or downpours will be communicated to all fields and team managers.

**Weather Delay:** If bad weather is detected at the event, all field activities may be suspended, delayed or cancelled. All participants and spectators will be notified using the public address system, event website, Twitter, and Facebook.

All fields will be notified via radio to be cleared by the officiating umpires. The signal horn will be **three blasts followed by a long sustained blast**. All teams and spectators will be directed to shelter.

**Resume Play:** Achieve Lacrosse will issue an **ALL CLEAR** announcement 30 minutes after games have been suspended. The signal horn will be **two short blasts** to resume games, the tournament website will direct team administrators to the event website with an adjusted schedule if make ups are possible with in the field rental time frame.

**Weather Cancelation:** Achieve Lacrosse event management and officiating umpires will determine if play can resume or if the event will be cancelled due to continued weather emergencies or unplayable field conditions.

**Tournament Cancellation Refund Policy:** In the event of weather that causes complete or significant cancellation of tournament play, Achieve Lacrosse reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to offer either partial refunds to participating teams or credits towards future participation in an Achieve Lacrosse event. There shall be no refunds for individual games or playoff games lost to weather delays or unplayable field conditions. Clubs will be notified if any weather related refund/credit shall be provided within 30 days following the event. Achieve Lacrosse shall not be responsible for refunding individual player fees paid to any given Club for participation in an Achieve Lacrosse event.

**Achieve Lacrosse Outdoor Tournaments: specific shelters**

1. Xtreme Lax: The Groton School Athletic Center will be open to all participants during suspended games. Cleats must be removed to enter the athletic facility.
2. Mass Elite Jamboree: Taunton Forekicks indoor complex will be available to all participants and spectators during suspended games.