



REAL COLORADO CUP
Featuring the
Colorado Showcase
EXTRAORDINARY
TOURNAMENT RULES May 25-29, 2023

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In May in Colorado, thunderstorms can be a daily occurrence. Every Real Colorado Cup Participating Team has been provided our Severe Weather Information online and via email. Should play be halted due to severe weather, the following EXTRAORDINARY RULES may be applied, with the possibility of adjustment, as necessary based on actual, uncontrollable, circumstances.

SAFETY

In the event of serious weather, the Site Director will suspend play by sounding 3 airhorn blasts. If games are suspended, all players, coaches and spectators must go immediately to their cars. Teams must return to the field after "ALL CLEAR/RESUME PLAY" (one long blast) is sounded for further instructions from tournament officials.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully. Coaches must be available to be contacted and teams must not leave the site until their coach has spoken directly with the Tournament Site Director, if games are called or postponed due to inclement weather. Keep in contact with the Tournament Director at your site. It is the responsibility of each team to supply a cell phone and/or local phone/hotel number at check-in in the event we need to contact you for any reason. Do not make assumptions about tournament play relative to weather or other delays or at other sites. It is primarily the coach's responsibility to check with the Tournament Site Director regarding any game status at all times.

Should the suspension of normal tournament play occur, regardless of the reason, the following tournament rules shall apply:

*A game result will be final upon completion of one half of play regardless of the circumstances of termination in preliminary rounds. For championship rounds the result **may** be final upon completion of one half of play, as determined by the Tournament Director, based on circumstances of game termination and resumption. The winner will be determined based on the score at the game's termination.*

For U10-U14 age groups, Preliminary Play: *If 20 minutes have been played in the first half, regardless of regular tournament game length, when a game is called by the referee for any reason, it will be deemed that the first half is complete and the game will be terminated with the final score being the score at termination.*

If the game is called with any less than 20 minutes having been played in the first half, the teams will play an additional half of 20 minutes, when they return to the field after ALL CLEAR. The score at the beginning of the second period will be what it was when play was ended. The final score will be the score at the end of the second period of play.

If the game is called at any time during the second half of play whether tournament regulation or under Extraordinary Rules, the game will be considered terminated if at least 20 minutes of play have been completed in total (of both halves or partial halves) with the final score being what it was at termination.

In addition, all games following any weather, or other significant delay may be shortened to 20 minute halves for the rest of the day, until we are caught up in the schedule.

For U15-19 age groups Preliminary Play: *If 30 minutes have been played in the first half, regardless of regular tournament game length, when a game is called by the referee for any reason, it will be deemed that the first half is complete and the game will be terminated with the final score being the score at termination.*

If the game is called with less than 30 minutes having been played in the first half, the teams will play an additional half of 30 minutes, when they return to the field after ALL CLEAR. The score at the beginning of the second period will be what it was when play was ended. The final score will be the score at the end of the second period of play.

If the game is called at any time during the second half of play whether tournament regulation or under Extraordinary Rules, the game will be considered terminated if at least 30 minutes of play have been completed in total (both halves or partial halves) with the final score being what it was at termination.

In addition, all games following any weather delay will be shortened to 25 min. halves for the rest of the day until we are caught up in the schedule.

FOR ALL TEAMS:

If a team is not ready to resume play within 10 minutes of the "ALL-CLEAR/RESUME PLAY"--one long blast-signal from the Site Director, the missing team will be determined to have forfeited the game with the Rules for Abandonment being applied. Such time will be kept by the referee for that game.

The primary method of communication regarding game delays and plans of action will be via Twitter, realcolorado.net and/or gotsoccer.com-email and/or text. You will need to monitor gotsoccer.com for any game changes/notifications and realcolorado.net for announcements. ALL TEAMS MUST BE ABLE TO ACCESS THESE WEBSITES during the entire tournament. Real CO Twitter Feed may be accessed on the home page of realcolorado.net.

NOTE: Should weather be deemed so severe for such a length of time that games cannot be completed on the original date of play, the Tournament Director and Committee will announce the plan for completion of the Real CO Cup featuring the Colorado Showcase, as soon as possible, via realcolorado.net and Twitter. Said plan could include games resuming or beginning as early as 7am and/or shortened halves, when possible during the remainder of the tournament.

The Tournament Director will make the final decision on all disputes regarding the suspension, termination and resumption of play in the best interest of the Real CO Cup featuring the Colorado Showcase and all participants.

Should the Real CO Cup featuring the Colorado Showcase be cancelled for any reason once tournament play has begun, Real CO will determine, in its sole discretion based on specific criteria including but not limited to timing of any such cancellation, number of games played, etc., if any or all entry fees will be retained by Real CO or if any entry fees may be refunded to tournament participants.