

# **Field Usage, Game Day, and Goal Procedures**

## **Field Usage**

Exeter Youth Soccer Association uses fields owned by the Township of Exeter and the Exeter Township School District. The usage is issued to us by permit (s) only. The usage is not transferrable to another organization by anyone with EYSA.

Every effort is made to provide field conditions that are playable, however, the fields are not maintained by EYSA. Should you have any issues with a field you must contact the EYSA Field Commissioner or another Board Member....do not contact the Township or School District directly. Do not attempt to fix holes, bald spots, or mow the grass or weed whack in any way. EYSA does from time to time with the Field Owner's permission fix issues with fields as part of our ongoing partnership with the owner.

Should weather force a cancellation of a practice, you will be notified by 4PM on that day. We use the "Rain Out" System which will notify each Parent that subscribes to the service (it's free) that practices have been cancelled. Sometimes this will effect only one field or a group of fields and not the entire club. Games are not cancelled using this system. See Game Day later in this document. Generally practices are not made up, unless open dates for fields are available. Do not move practices to other fields without the Field Commissioner's knowledge. See Lightening procedures under Game Day for information regarding our policies for lightening.

Fields are lined by EYSA (School District) or Exeter Township (Township Crew). While we try to maintain decent lines on Practice Fields they are not always guaranteed. Do not line the fields on your own at any time. Prepare to use cones. Flags are never present at practice fields.

Never use a field other than EYSA Practice Fields for practices. EPYSA insurance does not cover practices for fields other than those we disclose to them, and injuries to players will not be covered.

## **Game Day**

On Game Days, Game Fields are always inspected by the Field Commissioner prior to 8AM on Saturday, or 10AM on Sunday. We must inform EYSA by 8AM on Saturday and 10AM on Sunday if fields are unplayable and games must be postponed. More than likely games will be rescheduled for another weekend, unless they are the final week's games before the Fall Playoffs. If a decision has been made to postpone a home game, you will be contacted via email and/or telephone near to the cutoff times. As a coach your responsibility is to contact the other coach via phone and email to advise them that the game has been postponed. Games will not be rescheduled on that day they are

rescheduled later in the week. Both Coaches should agree on a day and time and get that info to the Game Commissioner to be sure the game can be played on that day.

If EYSA has deemed the field playable and the RBJSL referee decides differently, they may cancel a game based on their criteria. We have seen games played in near blizzard conditions or with standing water in the middle of a heavy rain and again we have seen games cancelled when the surface has been just wet.

Away games are controlled by the other club and you must communicate with the coach from the team you are playing to determine if a game will be played or not.

Lightening safety information can be found at the following link on the EPYSA website:  
[http://www.epysa.org/resources/lightning\\_safety/](http://www.epysa.org/resources/lightning_safety/)

General rule regarding lightening and the rule we follow at EYSA...

1. At the first sign of Thunder or Lightening seek shelter in a solid building (enclosed) or a hard-topped vehicle.
2. Do not resume any activities until ½ hour has passed since the last sign of Thunder or Lightening. If storms are known to be in the area assume there will be more lightening.
3. You are responsible for communicating to your referee any concerns regarding the weather. If your referee insists on continuing a game that you feel puts children or spectators in danger, refuse to continue and exit the field.

Game fields are inspected for the following:

1. Lines
2. Nets fastened to goals and goals in place and weighted/anchored
3. Corner flags in place and complete
4. Standing water issues

## Goals

Do not move goals from their position unless they have wheels attached. If you want to play short field use one goal and cones at the opposite end. Goals cost very big \$, and they are prone to cracked welds and other damage if they are constantly moved around the field. Always inspect your goals for weights or spikes to be sure they are secure. If

weights or spikes are missing do not use them, and report the issue to the Field and Equipment Coordinator.



