

Soccer is played in the rain. The mere presence of rain does not mean that games will be cancelled. The Lake Jackson Soccer Club policy is to attempt to play all games and allow all practices when possible. The League President, Vice-Presidents, the Head/Assistant Field Managers or Designees are the only ones permitted to call off games or practices. On field officials can also cancel a game at the field of play. Coaches are not to call off games.

**Reasons for cancelling games:**

- 1) It has rained most of the night before the scheduled game or practice and it is still raining at the start of the event.
- 2) It has rained for several days prior to the scheduled game and the fields are wet to the point where playing the game will destroy the playing surface.
- 3) The presence of thunderstorms and lightning.
- 4) It is raining at the time of the scheduled game and the conditions are poor enough to make conditions unbearable for the children.

**Criteria for field closure:**

- 1) Standing water covering a majority (Typically >50%) of the field
- 2) Muddy conditions threatening the safety of the players and/or the long term playing condition of the fields.
- 3) Closure deemed necessary by those designated in paragraph 1 above.

In the event that the fields are closed, a red flag will also be flown at the parking lot alongside M2 at MacLean fields. No flag indicates the fields are open. A half-staff red flag indicates the fields are at limited use. This means staying out of low lying areas as well as high traffic areas (goal boxes, center of field, etc.) A red flag at full height indicates the fields are completely closed.

MacLean fields and Hospital fields will be reviewed and designated as open or closed separately.

The LJSC Board will do everything in its power to play all scheduled games that are listed on each team's schedule. Due to field availability and time constraints, LJSC will not guarantee that matches that become rained-out will be rescheduled.

In case of inclement weather the LJSC Facebook Page, the email directory [Rainedo.ut.com](mailto:Rainedo.ut.com), and the phone number 979-299-1171 will be used to indicate the field conditions as well as the status of games. The site is typically updated by 8 AM on game days for 9 AM games. If games start and the weather turns bad and necessitates the cancellation of later games, the website will be updated as soon as possible. We strongly encourage each parent to check the website up to 30 minutes prior to coming to the fields for games. If the website doesn't indicate any adverse weather conditions, postponements, or cancellation then everyone should assume that all matches for that day are being played as scheduled.

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