Inclement Weather Policy for Champion’s Cup

In the eventuality that there is rain or snow prior and/or during a Housing Event i.e. Champion’s Cup, the protocol for dealing with the players, coaches, and officials is provided below.

1. No event is immediately cancelled. The event is postponed. Should the safety of participants be threatened by lightening, winds, ice, or heavy snow, the participants will be instructed to leave the venue and return should the weather improve. The participants will be told exactly how long the event will be delayed after which, should the weather not improve, the event will be cancelled.

2. An event is postponed or cancelled only in the following circumstances:
   a. High winds threaten the participants and officials in the venue and/or threaten to damage event equipment.
   b. Lightening threatens the participants and official in the venue and/or threaten to damage event equipment.
   c. Rain, sleet, ice, or snow is strong and directional, and hence landing on the event equipment. Note: if it is raining/snowing hard but event equipment and participants/officials are not being affected and the time schedule or the lack of an improving forecast does not allow for a delay, the event will proceed.

3. There are no “rain/snow date/venues”. If weather disrupts and threatens the possible cancellation of an event, the only possible response is temporary postponement with the hope that the weather improves in time to permit a full or truncated event. Should weather force a cancellation of an event, there is not the possibility of re-organizing in a “rain/snow venue” and the event is cancelled, the officials paid, and the event schedule and plan continues unchanged.

In the event of an evacuation, the following procedure(s) will take effect:

- The Event Organizer calls a meeting and notifies all coaches and officials with an announcement of the impending evacuation.
- If possible the Event Organizer will inform all participants over the PA system that the venue must be evacuated.
- Students shall be given direction as to routes for exiting the venue. If this is not possible Event Organizers will be tasked with directing people to exits in a calm fashion.
- Event Organizers are deployed to the evacuation exit to direct (if necessary) the crowd to adjacent buildings.

Students should be able to walk to safety along a clearly recognizable route by their own unaided efforts to more than one evacuation exit in the case one of the exits is obstructed. For students with mobility impairments or disabilities that would impede their ability to safely exit the venue, assistance will be provided by Event Organizers to aid them in their exit.

In the case of extreme weather or imminent danger preventing students from returning to their residences, the nearest emergency shelters are:

Talbot College, IGAB Building, University Community Centre, Middlesex College & UC College, Physics and Astronomy, Western Science Centre.