**Florida Tech Youth Soccer Camp Weather Policy**

It is of upmost importance to Florida Tech Soccer Camps to keep its campers safe at all times. We love being outside on the soccer field and know our campers do as well. However, in the event of inclement weather which questions the safety of our campers, the following policy will be used.

**In the event of light showers, all programs will continue as scheduled, providing the playing area is safe.** Parents should dress their child appropriately for the weather conditions, as sessions will go ahead regardless of damp weather, providing the coach deems the playing area safe to continue.  
  
**During the camp:** The program will continue in the event of light rain or passing showers.  If weather conditions become unplayable and unsafe, players will be escorted to the closest safe shelter depending where they are at the time. Campers will stay in shelter until weather has passed and playing areas are safe to use again.

**What happens in the event of Thunderstorms?**  
In the event of thunderstorms, the program will be suspended until the storm passes. Lightning storms are unpredictable so a 30 minute rule is enforced on all Florida Tech Soccer programs. 30 minutes will be counted from when the last strike of lightning was identified by our certified athletic training staff. If the storm passes, play will continue. However, if the storm continues players will stay in their assigned shelter until pickup time.

Parents will be notified by email and a post on the [women’s soccer twitter](https://twitter.com/FITWomensSoccer) page if pickup is different from the soccer field. Pickup locations that are different from the soccer field are listed below.

Shelter Locations (See Map):

* Harris Village Common Room (East of soccer field)
* Varsity Training Center (North West of soccer field by turf)
* Clemente Center (Middle of Campus)

In the rare event that a severe storm is predicted and the chance of playing outside is slim, the camp may be postponed for the day and parents will be notified in the early morning before camp begins via email or [women’s soccer twitter](https://twitter.com/FITWomensSoccer) page. If you are in doubt, please check email before leaving for camp.

**If fields are OPEN:**

On an hourly basis we strive to make informed decisions with our certified athletic training staff based on weather forecasts and radar readings to benefit the children attending our camp. Unfortunately, predicting the weather is not a perfect science and while we endeavor to make the correct call, we know that we can't please everyone all of the time. We know bad weather can be an inconvenience for parents and can be disappointing for campers so if it is safe to be on the field for sessions, we will be out there**.**

**Please Note: Our weather policy follows the same standards as the Florida Tech Soccer program and the university’s severe weather protocol.**