

## **Presidio Soccer League and San Diego Developmental Academy Excessive Heat - Hot Weather Guidelines / Referee / Leagues / Clubs / Teams**

Presidio and SDDA Soccer League and its Member Leagues have the following guidelines when it comes to Excessive Heat. Excessive Heat falls under an “Act of God/Mother Nature” and we are concerned with everyone’s safety. The guidelines below most likely apply to games that start **between Noon and 4pm**, and those games in the hotter locations throughout the county. We have made available on our websites the **NOAA National Weather Heat Index Chart** as a tool to assist you in making the correct decision concerning to play or not to play. **ALL teams must show up to the field ready to play** unless contacted by Presidio / SDDA Board.

### **REFEREES**

1. Presidio allows for water breaks due to excessive heat if requested by either coach prior to the start of the game. Multiple water breaks are allowed at your discretion or if either coach requests additional water breaks.
2. Water Breaks – Players must stay on the field, one minute in duration, no coaching and the same number of water breaks per half, if giving multiple water breaks.
3. Prior to the start of the game if either coach, **deems it unplayable** because of the heat, **then DO NOT start the game**. The **NOAA National Weather Heat Index Chart** should be used to assist in making this decision.
4. Games stopped due to the elements are SUSPENDED GAMES and Presidio reserves the right to either have the game played from the time of suspension or to be re-played in its entirety. Suspended games terminated during the second half will be considered complete.
5. Please submit a complete game report describing what took place. Report whether the game was played entirely, partially played and for how long or that the game did not get played.
6. Referees and teams are expected to show up to every game unless notified by Presidio. If a coach or coaches together decide to cancel the game, the referees will still be paid for the game.

### **Leagues/Clubs/Coaches/Teams**

1. Bring extra shade covering, water, wet towels, and use frequent substitutions.
2. Presidio allows for water breaks due to excessive heat if requested by either coach prior to the game. Multiple water breaks are allowed at your discretion or if either coach requests additional water break.
3. Water Breaks – Players must stay on the field, one minute in duration, no coaching and the same number of water breaks per half.
4. If there is a concern for safety – **DO NOT start the game**. Games stopped due to the elements are SUSPENDED GAMES and Presidio reserves the right to either have the game played from the time of suspension or to be re-played in its entirety. Suspended games terminated during the second half will be considered complete.
5. If your game is not played, contact your leagues/club re-scheduler to start the process of rescheduling your game.
6. As always the parents have the final say on the safety of their child and if the parent decides it is not safe for their child then the parent should not allow their child to play. **SAFETY FIRST!**

Presidio Soccer League has constructed these guidelines to help assist its Member Leagues/Clubs and Referees during HOT Weather conditions. If Presidio / SDDA deems the game playable based upon location and weather conditions at game time and the game is not played, then the game may be ruled a forfeit for the team requesting the game not be played.

Presidio Soccer League reserves the right to change or modify these guidelines as they see fit. These guidelines are not meant as advice or to take the place of existing rules. These are common sense guidelines for safety.