

28. SUSPENDED GAME PROCEDURES:

These are the adopted guidelines for suspended Football games of the NJSFC.

- a. If both schools agree, the game will be a completed game.
- b. If game must be continued from the point of interruption, it must be played no later than Tuesday of the following week.
- c. If the game is to be played at point of interruption, both teams must agree on the circumstances that existed at point of interruption.
- d. If the point difference is twenty-two (22) points or more, the game shall be a completed game regardless of the point of interruption.
- e. If the interrupted game has completed three (3) quarters the game shall be a complete game.
- f. If the game is interrupted after the completion of the first half and the point difference is fifteen (15) or more points, the game shall be a completed game.
- g. All other games, except as provided in will be continued from the point of interruption no later than Tuesday of the following week. If the schools cannot agree on the date, the game will be continued on the Monday following the game at 3:00 PM.
- h. Whenever it is not considered prudent to complete the interrupted game, the NJSFC Executive Board will have the authority to rule on the status of the game.

29. PROCEDURES IN EVENT OF LIGHTNING:

Termination or temporary suspension must always take place when an electrical storm is imminent. The decision to terminate or suspend a game/event when an electrical storm is imminent may be made by the host school, site manager and/or officials. If a site has an early warning detection system, the game/event shall be immediately halted upon the warning.

30. PROCEDURE BEFORE A GAME IS TERMINATED:

- a. The host school or site manager has full responsibility for determining whether or not conditions are such as to postpone or start a game/event.
- b. Schools must know that once a game/event has started, it is not the prerogative of a coach or school management, and the action of removing a team from the event prior to the conclusion of the game/event, regardless of the circumstances, will result in severe punitive action by the NJSFC and NJSIAA.

The officials should implement the following procedures prior to termination of the event:

- a. Coaches and/or players should be penalized for misconduct as provided for in the playing rules.
- b. Continued misconduct should result in the coaches of the teams being advised to correct the situation or be faced with possible termination of the event.

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- c. Officials should confer and, if they consider the circumstances warrant, teams should be directed to their respective bench areas while the coaches, Athletic Directors and site managers discuss, in the center of the playing area or in a private area, an attempt to restore control of their teams and/or spectators.

- d. When it is apparent to the game officials and the game administration that to continue the event would present a clear and present danger to the safety and welfare of any party, the event should be terminated and the head coaches advised accordingly. This should not be a unilateral decision; however, if the responsibility parties are unable or unwilling to control their teams and/or spectators, the officials must inform the head coaches of the teams that the game is terminated.
- e. Officials must not rule on forfeiture of any prematurely terminated events; only the NJSFC and/or NJSIAA have the jurisdiction to determine forfeits. The NJSFC will rule on forfeiture.