

Oro Valley Dolphins

Rain and Lightning Policy

The weather is uncertain during August and September. It may be raining within the Dolphin boundaries but it may not be raining at the practice field. Due to several factors, we are not able to call people to inform them of a cancellation of practice. Parents should be advised to come to the practice field on each night that practice is scheduled even if it looks like we may not practice. Practice may be held in the rain, but not if there is lightning.

It may begin to rain and lightning after practice has already started. Parents should be advised to remain at practice to pick up their child if the weather is threatening. There are very few places that people can go for cover at our practice field during a storm. We will have over 300 people that will need to be moved off of the field and into a safe and dry place in the event that practice gets cancelled or suspended after it starts. It is **CRITICAL** that parents are at the practice field when this occurs.

The following individuals have the authority to cancel or suspend practice either prior to or after the commencement of practice:

President	Steve Marshall
Vice President	Kirby Bollnow
Athletic Director	Keith Banales
Field Marshall	Doug Braunreiter

Any coach can suspend or cancel practice for his or her team if it is felt that practicing is not safe for that team.

Parents it is also your choice to pull your child off the field at any time if you feel it is an unsafe environment, please just let your coach know that you are taking your child so that we can account for all of the kids.

The criteria for determining whether to cancel or suspend practice shall include:

- Safety of the participants
- Lightning in the area
- Condition of the playing field
- Likelihood that the weather will clear

Cancellation Before the Commencement of Practice

In the event that practice is cancelled before the regular commencement time of 6:00 p.m., individuals will be standing at the entrance to the Bridge (not at the entrance from Calle Concordia). This will allow parents to turn around by traveling through the parking lot and avoid delays and unsafe situations on Calle Concordia.

Suspension Before the Commencement of Practice

In the event that practice is suspended before the regular commencement time of 6:00 p.m., individuals will be standing at the south end of the footbridge and will advise players to remain in their cars until they are notified that it is safe to commence practice.

Suspension After the Commencement of Practice

In the event that it is necessary to suspend practice after the commencement of practice, an authorized individual will blow his or her whistle continuously while making a circular motion with his or her hands.

Everyone will leave the field and proceed to building T, which is the first building that is directly south of the practice field. There are overhangs on the north and south side of this building.

Once it is determined that it is safe to return to the field, all head coaches will be notified.

Cancellation After the Commencement of Practice

In the event that it is necessary to cancel practice after the commencement of practice, an authorized individual will blow his or her whistle continuously while making a crossing motion over the head with his or her hands and arms.

Everyone will leave the field and proceed to their vehicles.

If a participant's parents are not at the field at the time of cancellation, a coach must escort the participant(s) to Building T and remain with the participant(s) until the parent(s) arrives. This applies to all teams and all participants. Building T will provide one central location for parents to go in order to find their children. **No one should proceed to any other area unless there is sufficient danger in attempting to proceed to Building T.**

Any Questions on this policy please talk with your Head Coach or call Steve Marshall – President – 572-9484. Thank you

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