***Section 1***

Team Representatives are responsible for notifying their players in the event of a rainout. The SVSL will contact Team Representatives as soon as possible before game time. The ultimate decision to cancel a game because of safety will be made at the field by the center referee.

Referees will follow the US Soccer Lightning and Sever Weather 30-30 Rule.

<https://www.recognizetorecover.org/lightning-severe-weather>

***Section 2***

**During Game**

If Referee sees lightning, start counting. If you hear thunder within 30 seconds, suspend the match.

Seek Shelter

Resume play. After the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder, wait for 30 minutes. Timer resets with each subsequent lighting or thunder occurrence within that 30 minute window.

***Section 3***

A game that begins but is stopped due to inclement weather and half the game is played, then the result becomes the final result. If 45 minutes is not yet reached, then the game will be rescheduled and is replayed from the beginning starting at 0-0. The center referee will make the call of continuing or suspending the match.

**Post Season Playoff Game**

If half the game is played and the score is tied, then the result is being determined by a coin flip

Referees are required to document the time play was stopped and any incidents related to lightning or thunder in the match report.