

# Suspended Play Policy



## Beach Nationals

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, but ultimately are the judgment of the Tournament Director.

### Play shall be suspended if the Tournament Director and Committee foresee:

- Inclement weather – lightning  
Note: If it is raining, play generally will not stop unless there is lightning or excessive flooding.
- Extraordinary circumstance
- Safety concern
- Other discretionary reason to clear the beach (i.e. darkness).

### Upon notification of suspended play:

- All athletes must immediately evacuate the beach and go to cars or indoor facilities and NOT UNDER TREES.
- Athletes PLAYING are responsible for recording the score and taking note of the court they are playing at.
- Officiating teams are responsible for taking the clipboard and ball with them.

### Notification to resume play:

- Play will resume 15 minutes following the horn sounding.
- Athletes are responsible for being within a given distance to hear the horn.
- Following a 10-minute warm-up, officials and athletes will continue to finish the game from where the score left off.
- Modified play may ensue at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Committee.

In the case of lightning, the area must be lightning free for 30 minutes before play is resumed. Once there has been no lightning for 30 minutes, the tournament director will sound the horn and teams will have 15 minutes to warm-up and resume play.

## Cancellation Procedures

**Delay caused prior to 1:00 p.m.:** Can last up to a four-hour delay. After a four-hour delay or 3:00 P.M. (whichever occurs first), the tournament day will be cancelled, with resumed play the following day (with a modified schedule – to be determined by the tournament director).

**Delay caused after 1:00 p.m.:** Can last up to two hours. After a two-hour delay (or the discretion of the tournament director), the tournament day will be cancelled.

**Rankings:** If the event gets cancelled mid-way through playoffs (Day 3), all teams who remain in the division will tie for rankings.

**Prizing:** If there is no winner, prizing will be distributed accordingly (or by a draw). The following procedures shall be used when dispersing monies after the first match has been completed if a tournament is cancelled:

- o Divide money equally between remaining teams.
- If cancelled prior to completion of pool play, all teams with the ability to advance will receive an equal share of the money (e.g. If all teams advance then every team, if only top 2 advance and it is clear that a team is not in the top 2 than they do not receive any share of the money.)

**Refund:** There will be no refunds offered due to conditions outside of the control of the host/control committee.