

BUFC Severe Weather Protocol

- I. One long whistle/air horn signifies all training and games are to be suspended and all participants, coaches, parents, players will take shelter.
- II. Lightning detector is utilized on nights of severe weather. Fields are closed if lightning is detected within a 10-mile radius of the facility.
- III. If lightning is detected within 10 miles, a "warning blast" (one long blast) is sounded by the horn located in the shed (container).

BUFC Director of Coaching and staff will monitor evacuation making certain all fields are cleared. All participants will be directed to cars. Parents are advised to stick around practice or games if there is potential bad weather coming through. Clearing the field is non-negotiable.

- IV. If fields are cleared due to thunder & lightning, the Club Director will wait 30-45 minutes from the last detected lightning strike. If no lightning strikes are detected for a period of 30 minutes, a second blast of the air horn will signify fields are reopened. The "All Clear" signal will be two short blasts. If we experience such a delay, the end time of practice will be moved back by 30 minutes.
- V. Important:
 - a. Fields can be closed at anytime if the Club Director feels it is not safe for players to play/train.
 - b. This weather is unpredictable; it might rain in your area of residence, but be clear at Market Common. It can be raining at Market Common, but be clear at your residence. If you don't feel that it is safe to drive, please stay at home.
 - c. The safety of our players is very important, please respect all decisions and act promptly.
 - d. Every effort will be made to notify parents through RainedOut.com of field closures/practice cancellations, however, as the weather often changes rapidly it is always possible that fields may be closed prior to starting or at any time during practice or games.

Please register for Rained Out if you have not already done so using this link:

<http://www.beachunitedfootballclub.com/scripts/runisa.dll?M2:gp::73546+Elements/Display+E+18235+Texts/>