



Policy

Persons in charge of club play and special events will follow pre-set guidelines related to weather conditions and air quality in order to protect people involved in club-sanctioned play.

Purpose

To provide clear guidance regarding actions to be taken during club play or organized events when inclement weather, extreme heat, or air quality concerns arise.

Clarification

In case of inclement weather:

1. If there is light rain/snow, club sanctioned play is to stop. Once the courts are dry, play can resume.
2. In the case of heavy rain/snow, club sanctioned play will be cancelled. Tournament matches will be stopped for a set amount of time and matches will only resume when safe to do so.
3. In the case of heavy rain/snow forecast for a long period of time, tournament matches may be moved indoors if the possibility exists.
4. For tournaments without indoor back-up facilities that have lost significant portions of play due to inclement weather, the tournament Director may decide to complete the event on another weekend.
5. Where the safety of players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators may be at risk due to heavy rain, thunder and lightning, hail, gusting winds, the tournament Director will suspend or conclude the tournament in consultation with the tournament officials. All persons at the tournament will be directed to seek appropriate shelter and remain there until such a time that the tournament Director has determined it is safe to resume play or has concluded the tournament.

In case of thunder and lightning:

1. At first sound of thunder, play will be suspended for 30 minutes and immediately vacate the outdoor activity to a safer location (inside vehicle or building).
2. Any subsequent thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute countdown will reset the timer for another 30 minutes.
3. Play will only be permitted to resume once there has been no thunder heard for 30 minutes.

In case the Humidex is over 37 or AQHI is over 7:

1. If the forecast shows the Humidex over 37 or AQHI over 7, club sanctioned play will be cancelled or moved indoors when possible.
2. If the air quality changes dramatically during club sanctioned play, players are advised to use their discretion in completing the game.