



Beaumont Soccer Association

T002- Air Quality & Adverse Weather Guidelines

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Administrative	Board	Financial	HR	Technical

1. Definitions:

- 1.1. **'Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)'** is a tool used in Canada to measure and explain the quality of the air around us and how it might affect your health. It uses a number scale from **1 to 10+** to indicate the level of health risk from air pollution. The AQHI will be monitored using reliable sources such as Environment Canada's AQHI page for Alberta.

1.1.1. **Low Risk (1-3):** All activities proceed as scheduled.

1.1.2. **Moderate Risk (4-6):** Activities may proceed with caution. Coaches should monitor athletes for any symptoms.

1.1.3. **High Risk (7-10):** Outdoor activities will be cancelled and rescheduled.

1.1.4. **Very High Risk (10+):** All outdoor activities will be cancelled and rescheduled.

- 1.2. **'Adverse Weather'** refers to weather that makes it unsafe to participate in activities outdoors as per Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) policy.

1.2.1. **Lightning and Severe Weather:**

1.2.1.1. At the first sign of thunder or lightning, all activities must be suspended immediately.

1.2.1.2. Participants should seek shelter in a fully enclosed building or vehicle.

1.2.1.3. Activities may resume **30 minutes after** the last occurrence of thunder or lightning.

1.2.2. **Extreme Heat:**

1.2.2.1. When temperatures exceed **30°C**, activities may be modified or cancelled. Modifications include:

1.2.2.1.1. Shortening practice or game durations.

1.2.2.1.2. Increasing the frequency of water breaks.

1.2.2.1.3. Ensuring shaded areas are available for rest.

1.2.3. Field Conditions:

1.2.3.1. Activities will be cancelled if fields are deemed unsafe due to conditions such as waterlogging, mud, or ice.

1.2.3.2. Field inspections will be conducted by designated officials prior to activities.

2. Guidelines:

2.1. Beaumont Soccer Association (BSA) aims to safeguard the health and safety of all participants by establishing clear guidelines for cancelling or modifying soccer activities due to poor air quality or adverse weather conditions, in alignment with Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) and Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) regulations. This guideline applies to all games, practices, and events organized by Beaumont Soccer Association.

2.1.1. Decisions to cancel due to air quality prior to a game will be communicated to participants via TeamSnap and/or email promptly after assessment.

2.1.2. Adverse weather cancellations will be communicated to participants via TeamSnap and/or email at least **one hour** before the scheduled activity.

2.1.3. The decision to cancel due to air quality or weather conditions will be made by the Referee/Team Official if the game/practice is already in progress.

2.1.4. Cancelled activities will be rescheduled, when possible, subject to field and schedule availability.

For official air quality and weather policies, details and information please visit the EMSA Main website (www.emsamain.com).

3. Change Control

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