

AIR AWARE – AIR QUALITY MONITORING GUIDELINES EIYSA Team Procedures

EIYSA teams are to follow the Policy outline in the ASA Air Aware – Air Quality Monitoring Guidelines.

ASA Air Aware POLICY

1. Go to <http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/aqhi/aqhi.aspx> (APP also available, see resources)
 - a. Use the Alberta website. The Environment Canada (federal) website does not list St. Albert and Strathcona County stations. This is important because Edmonton, St. Albert, and Strathcona County (Sherwood Park) can have different index ratings even though they are in proximity.
2. Click on the AQHI station name
 - a. This brings up a pop-up box with the AQHI for that station. 3. Note the station, time, and date, and Index calculation. a. Updates usually occur hourly (at the top of the hour).
 - b. Use the index calculation that is within one hour of scheduled kick-off or practice time.
 - c. If the AQHI is “7” or higher then go to steps 4. Games
3. Games
 - a. If the Affiliated Member has not cancelled games in advance all teams and match officials should arrive ready to play.
 - b. If the AQHI is still above “7” at the next calculation the teams involved, and the match official should consider delaying kick-off or cancelling the game.
 - i. The match official reserves the final right to cancel the game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official’s opinion.
 - ii. Referee to write on game sheet reason for abandonment with the Index calculation, time & date number calculated and AQHI station used.
 - c. If air quality changes dramatically during a game (e.g. sudden smoke event caused by wind direction change) referees and team officials are advised to use their discretion. Record all decisions and relevant information on the game sheet.
4. For Practices
 - a. Team officials should consider a rescheduled practice or postponing practice until a later time.

EIYSA League Procedures: Teams Traveling to Games in Red Deer and Edmonton

The Travelling Team Coach shall consult the Alberta Government website at :

<http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/aqhi/aqhi.aspx> three (3) hours prior to kickoff time of all regularly scheduled EIYSA League games where travel to Red Deer or Edmonton is required to determine if poor air quality will preclude the game from being played.

If the Alberta Government website indicates AQHI is 7 or higher in the city where the game is to be played three (3) hours prior to scheduled kickoff time of any regularly schedule EIYSA League game, than the team shall not travel to the game. Perform a “screen shot” of the AQHI for Edmonton or Red Deer on the Alberta Government website. (not Federal)

The Travelling Team Coach will then be required to e-mail the Opposition Teams’ Head Coach, and EIYSA office, at admin2@eiysa.com or Fax: 780-444-4321 three (3) hours before kickoff time, or as soon as possible thereafter, advising that the team will not be traveling to the game (include particulars of game time and location, age category and tier, and team names) as air quality doesn’t permit the game to be played. Include the “screen shot” of the Alberta Government website indicating air quality is 7 or higher. The website will include the date and time and must be shown on the screen shot as well.

Post-game Game Sheet Procedures

- 1) Not required to go to field: Game cancelled by office or Air Quality was 7 or higher. - Home team to submit game sheet to the EIYSA office per normal procedures through RAMP, upload game sheet and screen shot of AQHI website - do NOT check off "game is finished"
- 2) Game called by match official at field: - Referee to record on game sheet reason for abandonment. - Home team to submit game sheet to the EIYSA office per normal procedures through RAMP

Fines

- Teams will incur no fines if these procedures are followed. The game will be rescheduled at EIYSA's time/date discretion.
- Teams failing to show for league games, except under conditions of this policy, are subject to fines up to \$1,000 (Rule 9.7) and possible suspension.