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# Weather Policy

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## **Purpose:**

EUPA wants all of its members to play the appropriate number of games in their season; however, keeping in mind our members' safety and the City's Rainout Policy, the fields are subject to closure and games are subject to cancellation. EUPA and its members also want to consider the proximity of lightning and the Government of Canada's Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) and how these can affect games in a season. Captains and players must know and follow the following rules regarding weather and game cancellations.

### Scope:

The EUPA Weather Policy applies to all EUPA events held outdoors

### **Outline:**

- All games are cancelled if the city has closed the fields. Field closures are updated by 4pm on weekdays and 10am on weekends and can be found at 780-496-4999 (ext. 1) or at <u>http://coewebapps.edmonton.ca/facilitynotifications/default.aspx?args=4</u>
- When EUPA hosts events not with City of Edmonton fields a EUPA Tournament Director or EUPA Staff will use their discretion if outdoor events need to be suspended or cancelled.
- 3. If the AQHI (<u>https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abaq-001\_e.html</u>), by 4pm on weekdays and 10am on weekends, has a forecasted rating of:
  - a. 7-8, an email will be sent out to members in an affected league or tournament noting the AQHI and recommending "at risk" individuals do not participate in games. Captains/teams may unilaterally cancel games for that day without penalty.
  - b. 9 or above, an email will be sent out to members in an affected league or tournament noting EUPA is cancelling games for that day.
- 4. For all other situations Captains may cancel or 'call' the game once they are at the field if:
  - a. The field will become damaged from use

- b. The safety of the players is at risk or players feel unsafe
  - i. Other possible situations include lighting, thunder, air quality or poor field quality
- 5. If your game has begun and weather or safety becomes an issue, captains may suspend play temporarily. EUPA recommends that everyone goes to their vehicles or nearby shelter to take a 15 minute break. If after 15 minutes the weather has not improved, or it would be unsafe for players to resume play, or play would result in field damage, captains should either cancel the game or extend the game delay.
  - a. Games that are cancelled will not push back the league's schedule. By default, a score of 0-0 will be submitted for games that are cancelled for any reason. If a game has started and 5 points have been played prior to a captain's cancellation, captains should submit their scores for the game. If fewer than 5 points have been played, captains may choose to use a score of 0-0 by default, or submit their score if BOTH captains agree.
- Captains may, at their discretion, reschedule games on their own time and submit their scores to the League. EUPA will assist in finding fields if needed for rescheduled games. Captains can contact EUPA Staff for more information in this situation.
- Captains may decide to cancel a game prior to it starting provided BOTH captains agree and contact all of their players. Captains are discouraged from cancelling games prior to showing up at the field.
- 8. Captains should always notify EUPA Staff after any cancellations performed by captains or cancellations that occurred at the field.

#### From the City of Edmonton's Field Closure Guidelines:

"User discretion empowers the user to make a common sense decision on whether or not to cancel an event on their field. We ask that if there is any standing water on the field or sports play will cause turf damage, postpone and reschedule your event. If damage occurs as a result of a user decision to play, the user will be held responsible for all repair costs and may also have their Booking privileges revoked."