

# GEMSA AIR QUALITY POLICY



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- AQHI of 7 or higher means that play will be suspended immediately.
- GEMSA will notify teams and umpires by 5 PM if the AQHI is above 7 in the area of the scheduled game.
- Teams will continue to monitor levels during the game and notify the umpires if the AQHI reaches 7
- In practice situations, athletic activity should be adjusted through reduced intensity, reduced duration, and providing rest periods.

## Information & Definitions

The Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a recognized risk management measurement which describes a local reading of air quality as it relates to human health.

The AQHI is not real time reporting and can have a lag-time of over one hour. If air quality is changing during athletic activity, be aware of the common symptoms of irritated eyes, coughing, and difficulty breathing in addition to the reported AQHI index.

- AQHI index of over 7 indicates a "high risk" from air pollutants.
- AQHI index of between 4 and 6 indicates ongoing AQHI air monitoring should be initiated in order to identify to the umpire and Tournament Director if the index should reach 7 or higher.