



EMSA Policy	<u>Number:</u> G-01-0420	<u>Adopted by EMSA BOD</u> 05-2023
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<u>Policy Type</u>	Structure	Objectives	Registration	Game Regulations	Discipline
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Title: Air Quality Policy

1. Background	One of EMSA's objectives is to ensure the health and safety of each individual participant and ensure that all individual participants have equal access to all EMSA Programs regardless of their religious affiliation, ethnic background, cultural heritage, or lifestyle orientation.
2. Issue	Due to recent changes in weather patterns forest fires are impacting our programs every year. Whether the fires take place in Alberta or BC, the quality of our air is significantly impacted.
3. Policy	<p>Due to the fluctuating air quality in and around Edmonton the following procedures will be in place.</p> <p>During the weekdays: at 4pm on the day of the game, EMSA staff will verify the air quality in and around Edmonton as presented on the Government of Canada's website: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/multiple_stations/abag-001_e.html</p> <p>If the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) in the general Edmonton Region is listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQHI between 1 and 5 (at 4pm): the games that evening will proceed as scheduled. The game official will have the final call prior to game start. • AQHI of 6 or 7 (at 4pm): the games will proceed ONLY if the AQHI in the sub-location of the city where the game is scheduled stays under 7. The game official will have the final call prior to game start. Both teams are expected to show at the field. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 4 sub-locations listed on the Government of Canada website are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edmonton East – for the area south of the river and east of Calgary Trail. ▪ Edmonton McCauley – for the area north of the river and east of highway 2.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edmonton South - for the area south of the river and west of Calgary Trail. ▪ Woodcroft - for the area north of the river and west of highway 2. ○ During the games, the game official will provide additional water breaks and, if agreed upon by both team's head coaches prior to the game, will shorten the halves by 5 minutes if needed. ○ If the AQHI in the sub-location of the city where the game is scheduled will be 7 or over, the referee will cancel the game. ○ 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. ○ As with any other game, if a parent or legal guardian believes a player cannot attend or continue the game under current conditions, should feel free to remove the player from the game. • AQHI 8 and over (at 4pm): the games that evening will be cancelled and rescheduled. <p>During the weekend: 2 hours before the game start time participants shall verify the air quality in the Edmonton sub-location where the game takes place - as presented on the Government of Canada's website: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/multiple_stations/abaq-001_e.html</p> <p>If the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) in the Edmonton sub-location where the game takes place is listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQHI between 1 and 5 (2 hours before kickoff): the game will proceed as scheduled. The game official will have the final call prior to game start. • AQHI of 6 or 7 (2 hours before kickoff): the games will proceed ONLY if the AQHI in the sub-location of the city where the game is scheduled at the kickoff time stays under 7. The game official will have the final call prior to game start. Both teams are expected to show at the field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During the games, the game official will provide additional water breaks and, if agreed upon by both team's head coaches prior to the game, will shorten the halves by 5 minutes if needed. ○ If the AQHI in the sub-location of the city where the game is scheduled will be 7 or over, the referee will cancel the game. ○ 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. ○ As with any other game, if a parent or legal guardian believes a player cannot attend or continue the game under current conditions, should feel free to remove the player from the game. • AQHI 8 and over (2 hours before kickoff): the game will be cancelled and rescheduled.
4. Period in Effect	<p>This Policy is in effect until subsequently revoked by the EMSA Board of Directors.</p> <p>Implemented by the EMSA Board of Directors by resolution passed on May 23, 2023.</p>