



INCLEMENT WEATHER

PURPOSE

Player and family safety is of utmost importance to the Association. Weather and driving conditions can be unpredictable, particularly in the winter months.

A decision to cancel a game or practice can be difficult and can have financial implications.

The intent of this policy is to set out the procedures to be followed when teams are considering cancelling games or practices due to inclement weather when they consider it unsafe to travel.

PROCESS

SGHA Coaches are responsible for deciding if a game or practice should be cancelled due to inclement weather. They should consider the following before cancelling a game or practice:

- Unless the Arena is closed, the team will be required to use the ice for practice, regardless of weather conditions.
- Cancelled practices will not be rescheduled.

The decision to cancel must be made within 4 hours of game time.

If a game must be cancelled because one or both teams cannot travel due to inclement weather the following policy is in effect:

1. The team cancelling the game must DIRECTLY contact by PHONE and speak to a designated team representative before this game is officially considered cancelled.
Note: E-mail and voice messages will not be considered as proper notification
2. The League Designate (league@owha.on.ca) is to be notified by both teams that the game has been cancelled.
3. The cancelled game is to be rescheduled within seven (7) days for a future date.
4. Costs of unused ice time and officials for the cancelled game to be shared evenly by both teams.
5. To be eligible for any League awards, teams must play all their regular season games.
6. Games cancelled because of bad weather conditions are not included in the three (3) allowed league cancellations.

When a game or practice is cancelled, the team must send an email to ice@sgha.ca and their Convenor ***immediately*** to inform them of the decision.