

NGHA Inclement Weather Policy

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>Player and family safety is of utmost importance to the Association. Weather and driving conditions can be unpredictable, particularly in the winter months.</p> <p>A decision to cancel a game or practice can be difficult, and can have financial implications.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>NGHA house League Teams</p>	<p>NGHA House League 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unless the Arena is closed, the team will be required to pay for practice ice, regardless of weather conditions. - Cancelled practices and games will not be rescheduled. <p>For games, the team cancelling must notify the other team immediately of its decision. In cases of shared ice practices, the cancelling team should also inform the other team scheduled to share the ice.</p> <p>The team cancelling the game is also responsible for contacting the referee assignor (assignor@odwha.org) and timekeeper assignor (NGHAtimekeeper@gmail.com) to inform them that the game will be cancelled. This should be done as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary travel.</p> <p>When a game or practice is cancelled, the team must send an email to their division Convenor and the Ice Director (NGHAice@gmail.com) to inform them of the decision.</p>
<p>ODWHA Competitive Teams</p>	<p>NGHA Competitive 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 home game or practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unless the Arena is closed, the team will be required to pay for practice ice, regardless of weather conditions. - The team will be required to pay for the replacement ice time for a rescheduled home game. <p>For ODWHA games, NGHA Competitive Teams must follow the procedures set out by the ODWHA. In these instances, both teams must agree to cancel/reschedule a game and the ODWHA must be informed no less than four hours beforehand:</p>

	<p>http://site5638.goalline.ca/news_images/org_5638/files/ODWHA%20Inclement%20Weather%202019.docx</p> <p>For OWHA Provincial Playdown games, all communications, rescheduling logistics and costs remain the responsibility of the team.</p> <p>When a game or practice is cancelled, the team must send an email to their division Convenor and the ice director (NGHAice@gmail.com) to inform them of the decision.</p>
Arena Closures	In instances where an Arena is closed due to a weather or non-weather related situation (e.g. power outage, system failures), teams will work with their Convenor and the Ice Director to identify the appropriate course of action where games need to be rescheduled.
Cancellations due to situations other than weather	There may be other situations where all or some Association games and/or practices need to be cancelled (e.g. public health issue such as pandemic flu; advisories where the City of Ottawa or Ottawa Police advise drivers to remain off the roads). In these instances, the NGHA will communicate with teams on the management of these situations.
Questions	Questions on this policy can be directed to the Director of Policy, Risk and Safety (NGHAPolicy@gmail.com).

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