



CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERATIONS UNITING TOGETHER

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

In the event of a game cancellation or field closure due to inclement weather, please notify the CWSA office by email with the original game information (team names, date, time, location) so that the game may be rescheduled.

1. Lightning

The CWSA follows the Canada Soccer Association "Lightning Safety/Severe Weather Policy".

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/womensoccerab/files/Governance/Lightning-Policy-E.pdf>

2. Snow

In the event of a highway closure, games will be rescheduled. This includes all teams that must travel to or from any facility outside the City of Calgary (ex: Okotoks, Airdrie, Cochrane, and Red Deer).

In the event of a "sudden and intense" snowstorm as determined by CWSA, teams that are unable to field a team will forfeit the game but not be fined the applicable fee.

Games will be rescheduled if the applicable facility is closed.

3. Air Quality

This policy is to be followed when there is an Air Quality advisory in effect for the City of Calgary and area.

In extreme circumstances, the CWSA may cancel games due to poor air quality. Such a decision would be made by 4pm on weekdays, and 9am on weekends.

Air quality can change quickly and frequently throughout the day depending on shifting wind patterns. As such, **if the CWSA has not cancelled games in advance all teams are expected to arrive ready to play.**

If at the time of play the AQHI is 7 or higher, the teams have the option of:

- playing the game,
- delaying kick off, or
- cancelling the game and rescheduling to a different date.

Team Officials are to speak with the match official prior to kick off to discuss air quality at the time and its potential effect.

- The match official reserves the final right to cancel the game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official's opinion.

- Referee to write on game sheet reason for abandonment with the Index calculation, time & date, number calculated and AQHI station used.
- If air quality changes dramatically during a game (ex: 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.

Check the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI): <http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/aqhi/aqhi.aspx> (App also available).

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