



CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERATIONS UNITING TOGETHER

EXTREME WEATHER POLICIES

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

1. [Lightning Policy](#)

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

Reference Documents:

- [CSA Lightning Safety/Severe Weather Policy.](#)
- [CSA Lightning Policy Made Easy](#)

2. [Snow Policy](#)

In the event of a "sudden and intense" snowstorm — one that, in CWSA's discretion, creates unsafe conditions beyond normal winter driving hazards — CWSA may cancel all games.

If CWSA does not cancel a game, teams unable to field a team due to weather may default. In this case, the standard more than 24-hour notice fine (1st offence) applies, to cover the credit owed to the opposing team.

Highway Travel: Games may be rescheduled in the event of a highway closure affecting teams traveling to or from facilities outside Calgary (e.g., Okotoks, Airdrie, Cochrane, Red Deer).

Facility Closures: Games will be rescheduled if the scheduled facility is closed.

Communication: Notifications of cancellations or reschedules will primarily be communicated via email, with urgent cases potentially notified by phone.

3. [Air Quality Policy](#)

This policy outlines how the CWSA handles games when air quality is poor. Full league-wide cancellations are **rare** and may be issued when air quality reaches sustained high levels in the City of Calgary or surrounding areas.

When an Air Quality Advisory is in effect, the CWSA may cancel all games. League-wide cancellation decisions will be communicated by 4:30 PM on weekdays and by 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM on weekends.

If no league-wide cancellation is issued, teams must follow the AQHI-based procedures below to determine whether their individual game will proceed.

Only the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) from the Government of Alberta (<https://airquality.alberta.ca/map/>) is to be used. No other source will be recognized.

Procedure

Air quality should be reviewed **one (1) hour** prior to kick-off:

1. AQHI is **1-7 one (1) hour prior** to kick-off:
 - a. All teams should arrive ready to participate.
 - b. At the time of kick-off if the AQHI is:
 - i. **6 or below**, the game is to proceed as scheduled.
 - ii. **7 or above**, the game should be delayed or cancelled.
 - c. The match official reserves the final right to cancel the game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official's opinion.
 - d. Referee to write on game sheet reason for abandonment with the Index calculation, time & date, AQHI number calculated and AQHI station used.
 - e. 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.
2. AQHI is **8 or above one (1) hour prior** to kick-off:
 - a. The game is cancelled and teams are not required to travel to the field.

Game Delay Procedure

- If the AQHI at kick-off is 7 or above, the match may be delayed until the next scheduled AQHI update (on the hour).
- Maximum delay: 30 minutes for 11v11 games and 20 minutes for 8v8 games.

Game Cancellation Procedure

If a game is cancelled due to air quality, and the minimum minutes for a result have not been played, teams must email the CWSA immediately to request rescheduling.

Include the following in your email:

- Team names, date and time of the game
- AQHI reading at the time of cancellation, including the exact publication time from the Government of Alberta website. A screenshot of the reading is preferred.
- Whether the cancellation occurred at the field or one hour prior to kick-off.

4. Extreme Heat Events Policy

The CWSA follows the Alberta Soccer Association "Extreme Heat Events (EHE) Activity Guide".