



KDSC Inclement Weather Policy

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Soccer is an “all weather” outdoor and indoor sport. The Township of North Grenville may cancel use of their outdoor fields due to adverse weather conditions. The District, Eastern Ontario Soccer (EOS) or the specific leagues of the Eastern Ontario Soccer League/Ottawa Carleton Soccer League/Coliseum League or applicable school boards for their indoor gymnasiums may directly cancel programming due to adverse weather conditions within the general area on any given day/evening.

In the case of inclement weather, the Club and/or program Director will make the call on whether to cancel Club programming activity for the day/evening. The Club will plan to make the decision to cancel programming within 2-3 hours of the scheduled start time of the programming and to get the communications out to the impacted programs.

If you have not received an email/notification, please assume that all program activities will be running as per schedule.

Rain/Flooding Events:

The Club will not cancel programming due to rain unless the field conditions are deemed to be unsafe/unplayable. In the case of rain, assume that scheduled programming will be running. Area conditions and field conditions can deteriorate very quickly during localized intense downpours that is beyond anyone’s control. As a last measure, the assigned match officials do have the final say/determination of the field conditions for an assigned match.

Lightning/Thunderstorms Events:

When thunder roars, go indoors!

The safety of players, coaches, team personnel and spectators are the primary concern in any lightning/thunderstorm weather event occurring locally for matches sanctioned by Canada Soccer Association (CSA). By understanding and following the recommendations, the safety of everyone shall be increased. The match official has the final decision over delaying or restarting a match due to weather. Waiting to stop play or not waiting to start play may result in a severe injury or loss of life. Match officials are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during matches they are controlling.

If you can hear thunder, you can get hit by lightning. As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location as more people are struck by lightning before and after a thunderstorm than during one. Stay in the safe location for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

[CSA Lightning Policy.pdf](#)

Extreme Heat/Humidity Events:

Environment Canada issues a heat/humidity advisory or warning when the heat/humidity will reach 40°C or more and these conditions are expected to last for one hour or more. The Club does not cancel games due to heat/humidity unless EOS mandates it. The Club will use the following guidelines when the air temperature/humidity threshold values within one hour of scheduled programming:

- Temperature values of 32°C or lower: All Club programming may proceed as normal (games and training sessions)
- Temperature values of 33-36°C range: All Club programming may proceed as normal with additional water breaks be scheduled at the half-way point of each half. For matches, it is up to the discretion of the match official with the team officials to schedule the additional water breaks. Coaches should also ensure that players hydrate themselves prior to and during the game.
- Temperature values of 37°C or greater or humidity values of 40°C or greater: The Club will cancel all outdoor programming.

When making the judgement call for heat related cancellations/concessions, humidex and other factors at the field will also be taken into consideration (i.e., wind conditions, humidex, cloud cover, shade access)

Air Quality Events:

The Club will use the following guidelines from the Ministry of Environment, Ottawa
Downtown: Hourly Air Quality Health Index Readings when the air quality threshold values within one hour of the scheduled programming:

- Low RISK (1-3): All Club programming may proceed as normal (games and training sessions)
- Moderate RISK (4-6): All Club programming may proceed as normal, vulnerable participants to monitor conditions personally.
- High RISK (7-10): The Club may amend activities (i.e., reduce strenuous activities, increase break times) or proceed to cancel outdoor activities.
- Very High RISK (11+): The Club will cancel activities.

Snow/Freezing Rain Events:

When all school transportation services within the Upper Canada District School Board or Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario are cancelled due to weather and road conditions, all sporting events and community use (including Club programming) within the school boards will be cancelled.