



QSA Weather Policy

1. General Guidelines

- The primary concern is the safety of players, coaches, and spectators. Decisions regarding cancellations or rescheduling will be based on current and forecasted weather conditions.
- All decisions regarding weather-related changes will be communicated through social media sites and/or email/text. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date and you check out our social media pages for regular updates.
- Players should wear sun-safe clothing at all times and have applied sunscreen prior to the commencement of the session.

2. Lightning and Thunder

- If lightning is observed or thunder is heard, all activities must be suspended immediately. Participants should seek shelter in a safe location (e.g., a building or vehicle).
- Activities can only resume 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder. The 30-minute countdown restarts with each new occurrence of lightning or thunder.

3. Rain and Wet Conditions

- Practices and games may continue during light rain, provided that the field conditions remain safe. Coaches and officials will assess the field for safety.
- In the event of heavy rain, practices and games may be cancelled or rescheduled if the field is deemed unsafe. Decisions will be made based on field conditions and safety concerns.
- Coaches will inspect the field before practices and games. If the field is waterlogged or unsafe, activities will be cancelled or rescheduled.



4. Extreme Heat

- Activities will be monitored based on the heat index. If the heat index reaches high temperatures of approximately 35°C, or excessive humidity, practices and games may be adjusted, shortened, or cancelled to ensure player safety.
- All participants need to ensure they stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during, and after activities. Breaks will be provided as needed for hydration and rest.

5. Air Quality

- In the event of poor air quality (e.g., due to smoke or pollution), practices and games may be cancelled or rescheduled. The decision will be based on current air quality levels and health advisories.

6. Health Considerations

- Participants with respiratory issues or other health concerns should consult their healthcare provider and follow their advice regarding participation.

7. Rescheduling:

- Cancelled sessions will be rescheduled to a day & time similar to the originally planned session. Rescheduling information will be communicated promptly. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be applied for sessions that have had to be rescheduled due to weather interference.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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