



## **Volleyball Alberta Weather Protocols**

Volleyball Alberta will only cancel events prior to an event starting in EXTREME forecasted weather conditions that pose safety concerns for participants. Extreme weather may include lightning, poor air quality, heavy rain, hail, and similar conditions. Alberta weather is known to change quickly and unpredictably, and every effort will be made to proceed with outdoor events as planned.

**Participants who withdraw before Volleyball Alberta officially cancels an event will not receive a refund and may be subject to a late withdrawal fee.**

### **Lightning Protocol**

- All participants, staff, spectators, officials, coaches, and volunteers must immediately evacuate the beach courts and go to cars or indoor facilities. DO NOT SEEK SHELTER UNDER TREES
- The area must be lightning free for 30 minutes (as per Environment Canada) before play resumes
- Following the 30 minutes, the resuming play procedures will be put into place (see Beach Handbook or League Rules and Regulations)

### **Extreme Heat Protocol**

- An extreme heat protocol may be activated based on the current weather conditions. In the event the humidex reaches or exceeds 40 degrees and Environment Canada indicates a humidex warning, teams will be permitted the following:
  - o Drink water while walking between side switches (without causing delays to the match)



- One extra timeout per set per team
- Should a team play back-to-back matches an additional 5 minutes of time will be added between those matches
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- **Tournament Staff will monitor weather throughout programs and make final decisions to ensure the safety of all participants.**

## **Air Quality Protocol**

### **Practices/League**

- If the AQHI is above 7 practices/league play will be cancelled or rescheduled
- If the AQHI is 4-6 adjustments can be made such as:
  - Additional rest periods
  - Shorten the length of the session
  - Intensity reduction

### **Games & Tournaments**

#### **During Tournament Play**

- If the AQHI reaches a 7 or higher tournament/game play will be cancelled or rescheduled
- If the AQHI is 4-6 adjustments can be made such as:
  - Additional timeouts
  - Shortening match play could consist of:
    - matches played as one set to 15, 21 or 28 points



## **Pre-Tournament**

- Tournament staff will arrive on site in the morning at the scheduled time and begin the set up to prepare for the tournament. If the Air Quality index reaches a 7 or higher at the time of the players meeting the tournament will be cancelled or the start time delayed. Teams are expected to arrive with the intention of playing until otherwise notified by Volleyball Alberta.
  - o *Extremely high AQHI conditions may result in earlier tournament cancellations.*

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## **Program Cancellation Due to Weather**

- Volleyball Alberta leagues will schedule a make-up day or double headers for any leagues cancelled due to weather
  - o **Adult Leagues – The procedure to play double headers and make up the missed games as soon as possible is so that we don't have a back log of games at the end of the summer.**
  - o **Youth Programs and Leagues – The procedure for make-up days might happen on different days than the originally scheduled day, but double headers are unable to happen as the adult leagues run immediately after youth programs.**
- If an event (tournament/high performance training) commences and 25% of matches are completed before cancellation no refunds will be issued. If



less than 25% of matches are completed a 50% refund to participants will be issued.