

Volleyball Alberta – Inclement Weather Guidelines

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Volleyball Alberta (VA) understands that extreme weather conditions/events may impact our events. It is Volleyball Alberta's strategy that:

1. VA events will be held regardless of the weather.
2. VA will not cancel an event during a snowstorm or any inclement weather (snow, freezing rain, or any other acts of nature), except for the following scenarios:
 - a. If a rental facility is closed due to inclement weather and there is no further gym space available, Volleyball Alberta may cancel the event.
 - b. If all transportation access to facilities are closed.
3. If an event is cancelled before it starts:
 - a. Volleyball Alberta will communicate with teams via our website, social media, and through email.
 - b. Teams will be fully refunded, and all efforts will be made to reschedule the event if it did not commence.

Choosing Not to Attend an Event

4. Teams must be prepared to travel through inclement weather and should always plan alternate travel arrangements when necessary (substitute routes, charter bus, rental vehicles, etc.).
5. If a team decides not to attend an event due to weather conditions and Volleyball Alberta has not cancelled the event, the team will forfeit their matches and no refund will be given.
 - a. Failure to notify Volleyball Alberta immediately upon deciding to not attend, may lead to sanctions in accordance with VA's policies (as a team withdrawing from a tournament affects all teams in the tournament as well as competition and refereeing responsibilities).

Game Time Adjustment

6. Game times may be adjusted in the event of inclement weather. Teams should contact the VA Tournament Staff to inquire if changes can be facilitated. All changes will be at the discretion of the VA Staff Member.

During a Multi-Day Event

7. During a multi-day event in progress, if deteriorating weather conditions or an extreme event lead to Volleyball Alberta cancelling the tournament, a partial refund may be issued to all participating teams.
 - a. In the event of deteriorating conditions overnight, every effort will be made to communicate decisions to teams and all event personnel by 8:00 a.m.
8. If VA has not cancelled the event and a team chooses to depart early citing deteriorating road conditions, they will forfeit their matches and may be subject to further sanctions in accordance with VA's policies

If a team misses an event due to weather-related circumstances beyond their control (i.e. highway closure in remote areas with one egress), they may request a review by Volleyball Alberta.