



## Volleyball Alberta Weather Protocols

### **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 Policy**

- An extreme heat policy 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)
  - o One extra timeout per set per team
  - o Should a team play back-to-back matches an additional 5 minutes of time will be added between those matches

### **Air Quality Policy**

#### **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:
  - o Additional rest periods
  - o Shorten the length of the session
  - o Intensity reduction

#### **Games/Tournaments**

- If the AQHI is above 7 tournament/game play will be cancelled or rescheduled
- If the AQHI is 4-6 adjustments can be made such as:
  - o Additional timeouts
  - o Shortening match play

**Tournament Staff will monitor weather throughout programs and make final decisions to ensure the safety of all participants**



### **Program Cancellation Due to Weather**

- Volleyball Alberta leagues will schedule a make-up day for any leagues cancelled due to weather
- 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.