

## Calgary Sport and Social Club Full Weather Policy

### Daily Weather Call

- The daily weather call is posted online immediately after a final decision has been reached. Updates are posted no later than:
  - **4:30 p.m.** – Weekday Leagues
  - **11:30 a.m.** – Sunday Leagues
- Please do not call the office regarding the weather call – if the website is not yet updated, a decision has not yet been made
- Due to the short season, and limited number of rain-out make-up weeks available, the CSSC will attempt to play games when possible
- Due to the nature of Alberta weather and outdoor sports, players should expect that some games may be played in less than ideal conditions (rain, lower temperatures, etc)
- The CSSC will look to cancel games on days where the weather is extremely poor and/or player safety could be compromised
- The weather in Alberta can change quickly and can vary drastically in different areas of the City at any given time, **players are never forced to compromise their safety!**
  - Even if games are posted 'ON,' players should use their best judgement when at the field if the conditions have deteriorated

### Factors of the Daily Weather Call

- During the Outdoor Season the CSSC monitors the weather hourly and makes a daily weather call based on a variety of factors:
  - Hourly forecast and temperature
  - Projected rainfall / precipitation
  - Radar maps and data
  - Environment Canada and other weather alerts
  - Field conditions as reported by the CSSC field staff



## Regular Season Rain-Out Scenarios

- Both teams are required to arrive at the field/court on time with the minimum number of players required to avoid a default
- If conditions are unplayable, including a stoppage due to thunder & lightning, teams are expected to wait **20 minutes** for the possibility of the weather to pass, before calling the game off
  
- **If both teams choose to cancel** their game, results will be recorded as follows:
  - If at least half the game was played at the time it was called, the score will stand
  - If less than half the game was played, the score will be entered as a tie
  - If both teams would like to try to re-schedule, a 0-0 tie should be submitted, along with a [re-schedule form](#)
  - The CSSC will help facilitate a re-schedule, but the game must be played at least one week prior to playoffs
  - The CSSC will not issue refunds to teams in place of a re-schedule
    - The City of Calgary ***does not*** refund user groups for field rental costs in the case of inclement weather
  
- **If one team chooses not to play**, but the other team believes the conditions are appropriate for outdoor play, the result will be recorded as follows:
  - The team that does not want to play will receive a default loss in the standings
  - No default fee will be charged, and no default refund will be awarded to the team being defaulted against
  - Spirit Rating / Sportsmanship points will be awarded in full
  - The CSSC will not issue refunds to teams in place of a re-schedule
  
- **For outdoor sports that have an on-site Coordinator**
  - The coordinator will have the final say on the conditions
  - If the Coordinator decides conditions are playable but if one or more teams choose not to play:
    - The team(s) that do not want to play will receive a default loss in the standings
    - No default fee will be charged, and no default refund will be awarded to the team(s) being defaulted against
    - Spirit Rating / Sportsmanship points will be awarded in full
    - The CSSC will not issue refunds to teams



**If games are 'OFF' or fields are 'closed' during the regular season:**

- **8-week Leagues:**
  - **1st time** – the season will be extended by one week; the game will be re-scheduled
  - **2nd time** – CSSC will evaluate the schedule and attempt to re-schedule by:
    - Running a double-header week (single-opponent sports)
    - Running multiple three-match weeks (double-opponent sports)
  - **3rd time or more** – the game will not be re-scheduled and refunds will not be issued
    - Unfortunately, the City of Calgary does not refund user groups for field rental costs and in the case of inclement weather, the CSSC is paying to re-book fields
  
- **16-week Leagues:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time** – the season will be extended by one week for each cancellation; the game(s) will be re-scheduled
  - **3rd time** – CSSC will evaluate the schedule and attempt to re-schedule by:
    - Running a double-header week (single-opponent sports)
    - Running multiple three-match weeks (double-opponent sports)
  - **4th time or more** – the game will not be re-scheduled and refunds will not be issued
    - Unfortunately, the City of Calgary **does not** refund user groups for field rental costs and in the case of inclement weather, the CSSC is paying to re-book fields
  
- **5-week Fall Leagues:**
  - **1st time** – the season will be extended by one week; the game will be re-scheduled
  - **2nd time** – CSSC will evaluate the schedule and attempt to re-schedule a game by:
    - Running a double-header week (single-opponent sports)
    - Running multiple three-match weeks (double-opponent sports)
  - **3rd time** – the CSSC will evaluate the schedule and attempt to re-schedule by:
    - Running a double-header week (single-opponent sports)
    - Running multiple three-match weeks (double-opponent sports)

**\* The City of Calgary can close the outdoor fields for the year at any time during the Fall Season due to continuous inclement weather – in these cases, the CSSC will explore options to finish the season, and will issue pro-rated refunds to teams for any remaining games that cannot be played**



## Playoff Rain-Out Scenarios

### *If games are 'ON':*

- See above policies under 'Regular Season Rain-out' Scenarios

### *If games are 'OFF' or fields are 'closed' during the playoffs*

- **1st time** – the games will be re-scheduled to the following week and the season extended
- **2nd time (or more):**
  - ***If there have been no rain-outs during the regular season*** for that league, the playoffs will again be re-scheduled to the following week and the season extended
  - ***If there has been rain-out(s) during the regular season*** for that league the CSSC will evaluate the schedule and attempt to re-schedule by:
    - Working with the individual teams to find a date / time that works (priority will be given to teams competing in the championship)
    - Moving the games indoors (if possible)
  - ***Refunds will not be issued whether the CSSC can re-schedule or not***
    - Unfortunately, the City of Calgary ***does not*** refund user groups for field rental costs and in the case of inclement weather, the CSSC is paying to re-book fields

## Rain-Out Reschedules

- If games were called '**OFF**' by the CSSC, resulting in a re-schedule, the Club will update the online schedules as soon as possible – the re-scheduled games will frequently be added at the end of the regular-season, meaning the rest of the schedule usually remains untouched
- If games were called '**ON**' by the CSSC, but teams were unable to play the game
  - Enter a 0-0 tie along with comments when submitting the score online
  - Fill out the [re-schedule form](#) and the CSSC will facilitate the next steps



## Extreme Weather Conditions

### ○ Thunder and Lightning

- If you hear thunder (or see lightning), captains should make a decision to pause / delay the game and move off of the playfield to a safe location (vehicles)
- Players need to wait **20-minutes** to allow the thunder / lightning a chance to pass before calling the game off
- If conditions become playable again within 20-minutes, the game should be resumed and played within the original booking time
  - If at least half the game was played, the score will stand
  - If less than half the game was played, the score will be entered as a tie

### ○ Air Quality

- The Club will call games 'OFF' anytime that the [Air Quality Health Index](#) is at or above a rating of **10** at the time the weather call / update is due to be made
- At this level the Government of Canada encourages the general population to "reduce or re-schedule strenuous activities outdoors"
- The CSSC understands that some players are more at-risk than others due to poor air quality, and encourages any player in the at-risk population to find a sub or contact the CSSC for assistance on days where the index is at **a 7 or above**

### ○ One-off extreme weather conditions (e.g. flooding)

- Will be handled on a case by case basis
- The Club will monitor the situation, making the best decision possible and communicating to the teams in a timely manner

