

# Hastings Family YMCA Sports Weather Policy

The Hastings YMCA believes in providing a safe experience for all participants, including youth and adults. Every weather decision will be made while having the participant's safety in mind. YMCA management is responsible for making a rational decision regarding the cancellation of games, suspension of play, when play is to resume, and when/if games will be made up. In every situation, parents/guardians have the right for their athlete(s) to not participate.

Weather notices will be posted on the YMCA website (hastingsymca.net), on the YMCA Facebook page, on the Hastings YMCA app, and via email. Should cancellations be made the day-of, coaches with the soonest game will be contacted first. It is expected that should any notice be made, coaches inform their team **immediately**.

Cancellation decisions will be made by the Friday before the weekend games by 5:00pm. \*Some decisions will not be made until the morning/day of.\*

#### Precipitation (rain & snow) Policy

Games will be postponed or canceled should the following be predicted and/or occurs:

- Heavy rain or snow
- Very wet fields/greater than 2 inches of rain/snow that may lead to injury
- Rain mixed with cooler temperatures/wind
- Forecasted heavy precipitation greater than 70% by 5:00pm Friday.

### **Temperature Policy**

Games will be postponed or canceled should the following be predicted and/or occurs:

- Temperatures (including wind chill) below 35 degrees Fahrenheit
- Temperatures (including heat index) above 95 degrees Fahrenheit

## **Lightning Policy**

Games will be canceled should the following be predicted and/or occurs:

- Lightning that is visible or detected within a 1-5 mile radius of game site will immediately result in a stoppage of play. During stoppage of play, all staff, players, and spectators must return to their vehicles and wait for a decision by YMCA staff. After lightning is seen or thunder heard, games will be suspended for 30 minutes.
- Should lightning or thunder occur during scheduled games and play is suspended for longer than 30 consecutive minutes, games will be postponed or canceled.

## **Make-up Policy**

The YMCA Sports Director will make decisions on cancellations and make-ups. Depending on each situation, games may be canceled, postponed to a different day, or have delayed game times.