

GoPlay! Weather Policy

We live in Alberta, so our kids are hardy as heck! We know that they are happy to play in all sorts of weather and let's be honest, there will be days that are not picture perfect when they head to the field. The GoPlay! Weather policy is one of the most player friendly policies out there and we'll do what we can to ensure you have a great, value packed season.

Daily Weather Call

- The daily weather call is posted online immediately after a final decision has been reached. Updates are posted no later than:
 - **4:00 p.m. – Weekday Leagues**
 - **8:30 a.m. – Weekend Leagues**
- We love hearing from you, but please do not call the office regarding the weather – if the website is not yet updated, a decision has not yet been made.
- We ask that parents recognize that due to the nature of Alberta weather and outdoor sports, participants should expect that some classes may be played in less-than-ideal conditions.
- GoPlay! will look to cancel classes on days where the weather is extremely poor and/or participant 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, **participants are never forced to compromise their safety.**
 - Even if games are posted 'ON,' parents should use their best judgement and mark their child absent if they believe conditions are unplayable.

Factors of the Daily Weather Call

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

Weather Scenarios

- **In instances which sessions are called on and the weather is inclement at class time:**
 - The coaches will have the final say on the conditions; however, will consult with parents on a as needed basis to make the best decision for the group.
 - If the Coach decides conditions are playable but a parent decides their child will not participate, no credits or makeup classes will be issued.
 - If the Coaches decide to cancel games where the weather is extremely poor and/or participant safety could be compromised, please see the below "If classes are 'OFF' or fields are 'closed.'"



- **If classes are called 'OFF' or fields are 'closed' during the regular season:**
 - **1st time** – the season will be extended by one week; the class will be re-scheduled. At minimum each season is built with one buffer week to allow for this.
 - **2 or more times** – whenever possible, the season will be extended by one more additional week. This is only possible if it does not cause the season to overlap into the next season.
 - If extending the season is not possible, a make-up session will be issued to the participant's HomebaseHub account.

Extreme Weather Conditions

- **Thunder and Lightning**
 - If lightning is present, coaches will pause / delay the class, and participants should move off of the playfield to a safe location (e.g. vehicles).
 - Coaches will wait **20 minutes** to allow the lightning a chance to pass before calling the session off.
 - If conditions become playable again within 20 minutes, the class will be resumed and played within the original timeframe.
 - If parents opt to leave before the 20-minute wait period has passed, classes will not translate to a makeup and will not be credited or refunded.
 - If there is thunder and it is not accompanied by lightning, classes are still playable, and coaches will monitor the sky.
- **Air Quality**
 - GoPlay! will call classes 'OFF' anytime that the [Air Quality Health Index](#) is **at or above an 8** rating at the time the weather call.
 - Activities will be adjusted appropriately on days when smoke is prevalent, but classes are still able to be hosted safely.
 - GoPlay! understands that some participants are more at-risk than others due to poor air quality and encourages any player in the at-risk population to mark an absence on days that are 7 or above.
- **One-off Extreme Weather Conditions (e.g. flooding)**
 - Will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
 - GoPlay! will monitor the situation and make the best decision possible, communicating with parents in a timely manner.

