

St. Albert Pickleball Club Board Policies
Operational
Inclement Weather and Air Quality

Policy:

Persons in charge of club play and special events will follow pre-set guidelines related to weather conditions and air quality in order to protect people involved in club-sanctioned play.

Purpose:

To provide clear guidance regarding actions to be taken during club play or organized events when inclement weather, extreme heat, or air quality concerns arise.

Clarification:

In case of inclement weather

1. If there is light rain/snow, we will stop play, wait for the courts to dry, and then resume.
2. In the case of heavy rain/snow, we will cancel regular club play. We will stop tournament matches for a set amount of time, and have the matches resume later in the day.
3. In the case of heavy rain/snow forecast for a long period of time, tournament matches may be moved indoors if this possibility exists.
4. For tournaments without indoor back-ups, that have lost significant portions of the weekend due to inclement weather, the tournament Director may decide to complete the event on another weekend.
5. Where the safety of players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators may be at risk due to heavy rain, thunder and lightning, hail, gusting winds, the Tournament Director will suspend or conclude the tournament in consultation with tournament officials and all persons at the tournament will be directed to seek appropriate shelter and remain there until such time that the Tournament Director has determined it is safe to resume the tournament, or has concluded the tournament.

In case of thunder and lightning:

6. At the first sound of thunder we suspend play for at least 30 minutes and immediately vacate the outdoor activity to a safer location, inside a car or building.
7. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard prior to resuming play.
8. Any subsequent thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count-down will reset the clock and another 30-minute count-down should begin

In case the Humidex is over 37, or the AQHI is over 7:

9. If the Tournament Director or Venue Manager(as indicated on the calendar) has not cancelled games in advance, everyone should arrive ready to play.
10. If the forecast or outlook for the Humidex continues over 37, or for the AQHI continues above 7, we will cancel club play, delay the event or move indoors where possible.
11. If air quality changes dramatically during a game (e.g. sudden smoke event caused by wind direction change) referees and players are advised to use their discretion in completing the game. Play of further games will follow this policy.

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