



Club Air Quality Index Procedure

This is the link that teams and referees are required to use for any Air Quality Index Readings:

https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/provincial_summary/ab_e.html

- **Weekdays at 4:00pm:**
- **Weekends 2 hours prior to your game start time:**

If the Air Quality Health Index is listed as:

▪ **AQI between 1 and 5:** the games that evening will proceed as scheduled. Teams are expected to show to the field or will forfeit the game. If the AQI rises to 7 or above just before game start or during the game, the game will be cancelled at the field by the referee. If 2/3's of the game has not been played already, the game will be rescheduled. See reschedule procedure on next page.

▪ **AQI of 6 or 7:** the games will proceed if the AQI where the game is scheduled goes under 7 at game time. Teams are expected to show to the field for a referee game time decision or will forfeit the game. During the games, the game official will provide additional water breaks and, if agreed upon by both team's head coaches prior to the game, will shorten the halves by 5 minutes if needed. If the AQI stays at or rises to 7 or above just before game start or during the game, the game will be cancelled at the field by the referee. If 2/3's of the game has not been played already, the game will be rescheduled. See rescheduling procedure on next page.

For games in the City of Edmonton, as the AQI can vary all over the City, we will be using the substation readings:

- Edmonton East – for the area south of the river and east of Calgary Trail.
- Edmonton McCauley – for the area north of the river and east of highway 2.
- Edmonton South - for the area south of the river and west of Calgary Trail.
- Woodcroft - for the area north of the river and west of highway 2.

Here is the link for the substations:

https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/multiple_stations/abaq-001_e.html

▪ **AQI of 8 and over:** the games are automatically cancelled. No need to show up at the field, please follow the procedure on the next page.

CLUB AQI RESCHEDULING PROCEDURE:

Step #1: Please send an email to angelad@emsamain.com to let EMSA know your game did not get played due to the AQI.

Step #2: The HOME TEAM contacts the opposing coach to come up with an agreed upon rescheduled date. The opposing team officials have 48 hours to respond and work out a new date. If the new date is not worked out within 48 hours then the EMSA League Director reserves the right to automatically reschedule the game to a date chosen by the EMSA office.

Step #3: Once a date has been agreed upon, the HOME TEAM is responsible for emailing the EMSA League Director to notify of the new date and time. The EMSA League Director will then assign a field. ****If you are an Out of Edmonton District team, you will need to contact your District Field Assignor first for a field as the EMSA Office does not take care of your area's fields. You will need to send the EMSA League Director an email once you have the new field confirmed.**

Step #4: League Director will update the website with the rescheduled game details and the Portal will automatically generate an email to both teams and the Referee Assignor. The rescheduled game is not considered legal until that time. Please keep in mind that the EMSA office is only open during the weekdays.

If the opposing coach and you cannot agree on a reschedule date, please notify the League Director and they will step in and take over the rescheduling process. Please note that you must give the League Director enough notice to be able to help you with the rescheduled game. If you send notice a day or two before the rescheduling deadline then we will be unable to help you.

*Once the game has been confirmed by the League Director, if one team fails to show for a rescheduled game then that team will lose by default. If both teams fail to show for a rescheduled game, the game will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded and the game will not be rescheduled.

ALL RESCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE COMPLETED within three (3) weeks of the original scheduled date. If there is less than three weeks left on the schedule you must have those games completed prior to your last game on the schedule. If the game does not get played within the three-week deadline or before the last game on the schedule (if there are less than three weeks left) then it will go down as not being played, no stats or points will be awarded. However, if the outstanding game will impact the standings in regards to post season play advancement in the main/final round, the EMSA League Director will reschedule the game.