

Community Air Quality Index (AQI) Procedure

The links outlined below are the only one teams and referees are required to use for any Air Quality Index Readings (government of Canada website ONLY) as the AQI can vary all over the city, we will be using the substation readings. https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/provincial_summary/ab_e.html

For home games in the City of Edmonton:

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 Lendrum - 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/abag-001_e.html

Exceptions for the following areas for home games in:

Spruce Grove, please use the **St. Albert** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abag-021_e.html

Baumont, please use the **Lendrum** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/multiple_stations/abag-001_e.html

Leduc, please use the **Edmonton** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abag-001_e.html

NWC, please use **Genesee** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abag-013_e.html

Morinville, please use **Sturgeon County** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abag-016_e.html

Fort Sask, please use **Fort Sask** AQI reading: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abag-012_e.html

- Weekdays at 4:00pm (regardless of the time it was last calculated at):
- Weekends 1 hour prior to your game start time (regardless of the time it was last calculated at):

If the Air Quality Health Index is listed as:

- **AQI between 1 and 6:** the game 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 is at a 7 or higher:** the game will be automatically cancelled and rescheduled. No need for teams or referees to show up at the field and are not required to send email as EMSA will be monitoring the AQI readings and Field Status Lines ourselves
- If the AQI is N/A at 4pm for the location of your game, the last available reading for that particular location will be the accepted reading.

Please refer to Community AQI Rescheduling Procedure on next page.



Community Tier 4 & Lower Rain/Storm Outs/ Air Quality (AQI) or Closed Fields

For Community Tier 4 & Lower for U13 – U19 Teams ONLY:

★ Teams are not required to show up to their game ONLY if the field is officially closed through the field status lines/the AQI reading for your game is at a 7 or higher at 4pm. (regardless of the time it was last calculated at). If the AQI is N/A for the location of your game, the last available reading for that particular location will be the accepted reading.

★ Teams ARE required to show up to their game if the field status lines indicate that fields are open/AQI reading is 6 or lower at 4pm regardless of current or pending inclement weather, teams are required to report to their field or risk forfeiture. It will be the referee's discretion if the game will commence based on the weather or AQI reading at the time of your game.

RESCHEDULING PROCEDURE:

Step #1: If the fields were initially open and it was the ref who called the game due to the weather/AQI reading at the time of your game is at a 7 or higher, the **HOME TEAM** must send an email to their EMSA League Director indicating the game details and indicating the game did not go due to the referee halting the game due to inclement weather/AQI etc.

If the fields were closed via the field status lines/AQI reading for the home games location was a 7 or higher you do not need to send an email as EMSA will be monitoring the AQI readings and Field Status Lines ourselves.

♦ Send an email to Community League Director jennad@emsamain.com

Step #2: The league will automatically use the age group's alternate playing day as the reschedule date. Please **NOTE** if there are no alternate playing day(s) left in a particular round or the field/referee are not available for your teams' alternate playing day. The league will select the next available date based on field and referee availability.

- **U13** alternate reschedule/playing day **WEDNESDAY**
- **U15** alternate reschedule/playing day **TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY**
- **U17** alternate reschedule/playing day **TUESDAY**
- **U19** alternate reschedule/playing day **WEDNESDAY**

****Please note these days are subject to field and referee availability, and timing remaining in the current round. ****

Step #3: 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.

****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. ****

Only the EMSA Board, the EMSA Office, the Appointed Game Official or EMSA Procedure Policies have the authority to cancel EMSA Main League games. Team Officials cannot make cancellation decisions on their own. Should a game be cancelled by anyone other than the approved persons above (or approved policy procedures), it will be noted as cancelled and not rescheduled.

ALL RESCHEDULED GAMES WILL BE COMPLETED within three (3) weeks of the original scheduled date. If there is less than three weeks left on the schedule, those games will be 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.