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Inclement Weather Guidelines

Alberta Team Handball Federation (ATHF) understands that extreme weather conditions/events may impact our events. It is Alberta Team Handball strategy that:

- 1. ATHF events will be held regardless of the weather.
- 2. ATHF will not cancel an event during a snowstorm or any inclement weather (snow, freezing rain, or any other acts of nature), except for the following scenarios:
- a. If a rental facility is closed due to inclement weather and there is no further gym space available, Alberta Team Handball Federation may cancel the event.
 - b. If all transportation access to facilities are closed.
- 3. If an event is cancelled before it starts:
- a. Alberta Team Handball Federation will communicate with teams via our website, social media, and through email.
 - b. all efforts will be made to reschedule the event if it did not commence.

Choosing Not to Attend an Event

- 4. Teams must be prepared to travel through inclement weather and should always plan alternate travel arrangements when necessary (substitute routes, charter bus, rental vehicles, etc.).
- 5. If a team decides not to attend an event due to weather conditions and Alberta Team Handball has not cancelled the event, the team will forfeit their matches and no refund will be given.
- a. Failure to notify Alberta Team Handball immediately upon deciding to not attend, (as a team withdrawing from a tournament or league game affects all teams in the tournament as well as competition and refereeing responsibilities).

Game Time Adjustment

6. Game times may be adjusted in the event of inclement weather. Teams should contact the ATHF executive director to inquire if changes can be facilitated. All changes will be at the discretion of the ATHF Staff Member.

During a multi-day event

- 7. During a multi-day event in progress, if deteriorating weather conditions or an extreme event lead to Alberta cancelling the tournament, ATHF will try to reschedule, if not then tournament finishes as is.
- a. In the event of deteriorating conditions overnight, every effort will be made to communicate decisions to teams and all event personnel by 8:00 a.m.
- 8. If ATHF has not cancelled the event and a team chooses to depart early citing deteriorating road conditions, they will forfeit their matches. If a team misses an event due to weather-related circumstances beyond their control (i.e. highway closure in remote areas with one egress), they will not be penalized