



## Volleyball Alberta Weather Protocols – July 21, 2023

### Lightning Protocol

- All participants, staff, spectators, officials, coaches, and volunteers must immediately evacuate the beach courts and go to cars or indoor facilities. **DO NOT SEEK SHELTER UNDER TREES**
- The area must be lightning free for 30 minutes (as per Environment Canada) before play resumes
- Following the 30 minutes, the resuming play procedures will be put into place (see Beach Handbook or League Rules and Regulations)

### Extreme Heat Protocol

- An extreme heat protocol may be activated based on the current weather conditions. In the event the humidex reaches or exceeds 40 degrees and Environment Canada indicates a humidex warning, teams will be permitted the following:
  - Drink water while walking between side switches (without causing delays to the match)
  - One extra timeout per set per team
  - Should a team play back-to-back matches an additional 5 minutes of time will be added between those matches
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- **Tournament Staff will monitor weather throughout programs and make final decisions to ensure the safety of all participants.**



## Air Quality Protocol

### Practices/League

- If the AQHI is above 7 practices/league play will be cancelled or rescheduled
- If the AQHI is 4-6 adjustments can be made such as:
  - o Additional rest periods
  - o Shorten the length of the session
  - o Intensity reduction

### Games & Tournaments

#### During Tournament Play

- If the AQHI reaches a 7 or higher tournament/game play will be cancelled or rescheduled
- If the AQHI is 4-6 adjustments can be made such as:
  - o Additional timeouts
  - o Shortening match play could consist of:
    - matches played as one set to 15, 21 or 28 points

#### Pre-Tournament

- Tournament staff will arrive on site in the morning at the scheduled time and begin the set up to prepare for the tournament. If the Air Quality index reaches a 7 or higher at the time of the players meeting the tournament will be cancelled or the start time delayed. Teams are expected to arrive with the intention of playing until otherwise notified by Volleyball Alberta.
  - o *Extremely high AQHI conditions may result in earlier tournament cancellations.*

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#### Program Cancellation Due to Weather

- Volleyball Alberta leagues will schedule a make-up day for any leagues cancelled due to weather



- If an event (tournament/high performance training) commences and 25% of matches are completed before cancellation no refunds will be issued. If less than 25% of matches are completed a 50% refund to participants will be issued.