



# **WEATHER ADVISORY GUIDE**

## Inclement Weather

As per Tennis Alberta's Junior, Adult and Senior Competitive Structures, relative to any sanctioned Tournament Format in Alberta, the following is in effect:

During the outdoor season, if there is inclement weather (*depending surfaces – clay vs. hard court*), the tournament organizers will do their best to ensure that the tournament continues outdoors.

- If there is light rain/snow, the correct procedure is to stop matches, wait for the courts to dry, and then resume matches outdoors.
- In the case of heavy rain/snow, the correct procedure would be to stop matches for a set amount of time, and have the matches resume later in the day. Eg. Matches stopped at noon because of rain, may resume at 5 pm.
- In the case of heavy rain/snow forecasted for a long period of time, matches *may* be moved indoors. Please discuss this with the tournament referee, as the prerogative of the tournament is to have all of the matches played outdoors.

**Please note that moving a tournament indoors is an exception in allowing the tournament to continue; however, this is not the rule.**

**The decision to move indoors will be made in consultation with the tournament official and tournament director (or applicable tournament organizer). The evaluation of current weather, evaluation of court conditions and player safety will be strongly taken into consideration for the well being of the event and participants safety.**

For tournaments with no indoor back-ups that have lost significant portions of the weekend due to inclement weather, the tournament organizer may consult with Tennis Alberta as to whether or not they may abbreviate the scoring method. In the event that a tournament is unable to complete, due to inclement weather and no indoor availability, the following options are available.

- Complete the main draw of the event on another weekend, which works with 100% of the players.
- Have the event finish as “not completed”.

## Severe Weather

In cases of severe weather where the safety of participants (including players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators) may be at risk (including, but not limited to, heavy rain, thunder and lightning, hail, gusting winds), the Tournament Director may consult with various parties (including, but not limited to, the Head Official and Tournament Organizer), and shall decide when to suspend or conclude the tournament.

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.

## Extreme Heat Policy

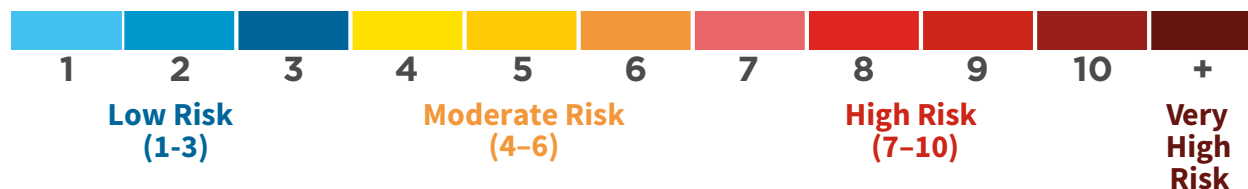
The Environment Canada weather advisory information service will be used as an official baseline to both measure and monitor temperatures when deciding whether to implement Tennis Alberta's extreme heat policy ([https://weather.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/canada_e.html))

The tournament director will have sole authority and will ultimately be responsible therefore to implement the following measures:

- 35°C and below  
Tournament play continues as normal
- 36°C-39°C  
10 minute break permitted following conclusion of set 2. Timing to be strictly enforced by on court official with penalties implemented for those exceeding the 10 minute rest period.
- 40°C and above  
Play will be suspended until temperatures drop below the 40°C threshold.

# Air Quality

The best scientific information available is used for these guidelines. It will be updated as new knowledge becomes available. This guideline document includes background information about the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), asthma management, and exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB).



Health Risk	Air Quality Health Index	Health Messages	
		At Risk Population*	General Population
Low Risk	1-3	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Ideal air quality for outdoor activities.
Moderate Risk	4-6	Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you are experiencing symptoms.	No need to modify your usual outdoor activities unless you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.
High Risk	7-10	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also take it easy.	Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.
Very High Risk	Above 10	Avoid strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also avoid outdoor physical exertion.	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.

## Tennis Alberta’s Air Aware – Air Quality Monitoring Guidelines

**If the AQHI is “7” or higher** then Tennis Alberta will follow the steps:

- If the Tournament Director has not cancelled games in advance all teams and match officials should arrive ready to play.
- If the AQHI is still above “7” at the next calculation the players involved and the tournament director should consider delaying, moving play indoors (where appropriate and when booked/ organized) or canceling the upcoming match(es).
- The Tournament Director reserves the final right to cancel the match or move play indoors if the conditions are considered dangerous.
- If air quality changes dramatically during a match (e.g. sudden smoke event caused by wind direction change) referees and players are advised to use their discretion. Record all decisions and relevant information on the tournament report.