# Club Air Quality Index Procedure

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**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

**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 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/abaq-001_e.html

**For games in the City of Spruce Grove,** please use the St. Albert AQI reading.

- **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)**

**NOTE: Games being played in Red Deer or for those teams travelling from Red Deer to the City (or surrounding area) 3 hours prior to 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.

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 note games being played at the Edmonton Scottish Soccer Dome or the Red Deer Dome are not affected by the AQI as those games are being played indoors on artificial turf. Games will proceed at these locations regardless of the outside air quality.

See Club AQI Rescheduling Procedure on next page.

# CLUB AQI RESCHEDULING PROCEDURE:

**Step #1:** If your game is cancelled (due to AQHI ), the HOME team must send an email to their EMSA Club League Director, by 1:00 pm the day after the game, with the game details included (team names, division, date, time and location) and indicate the game did not go due to inclement weather. If a team does not notify the EMSA Club League Director by 1:00pm the day after the game, the late game sheet /score admin fees will be issued. U8 – U11: martinam@emsamain.com U12 – U15: angelad@emsamain.com U17 – U19: natalias@emsamain.com

**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.**

**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.**