

ALPHARETTA YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Weather Policy and Procedures

POLICY SCOPE:

The Alpharetta Youth Softball Association (AYSA) Board and the Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department retain the right to cancel or curtail activities due extreme weather conditions or adverse field conditions.

SECTION A - COLD WEATHER REPORTED TEMPERATURE PROCEDURE:

Thirty minutes prior to field activities, **temperatures falling below 35 degrees F.**, or the combination of wind and temperature (wind chill factor) is measured 35 degrees or colder, **will result in activities being canceled or postponed.**

[This information can be obtained from www.weather.com using the zip code 30004 for the Alpharetta area.]

SECTION B - EXTREME HEAT AND HUMID WEATHER CONDITIONS PROCEDURE:

Thirty minutes prior to field activities, **temperatures exceeding 95 degrees F.**, or the combination of humidity and temperature (heat index) exceeds 95 degrees F, **will result in activities being canceled or postponed.** *NOTE:* The Heat Index is an important consideration when assessing risk in hot and humid conditions. It is the temperature the body feels and is a measure of how humidity acts in conjunction with high temperatures to reduce the body's ability to cool itself.

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SECTION C - LIGHTNING PROCEDURES:

While lightning on the horizon should warn of potential danger, lightning associated with thunder or thunder alone means that there is immediate danger to athletes, officials, and spectators. The adage of "If you can hear it, clear it." must be used to make decisions to postpone or cancel the activity. Lightning can strike 10 miles ahead of or behind the storm front and thunderhead clouds. If lightning is visible, activities must be canceled or postponed until all lighting which includes sound must be cancelled or postponed.

SECTION D - FIELD DAMAGE

During extremely wet or cold conditions, the City of Alpharetta Parks and Recreation Dept. may close all fields to protect the grass or other surfaces from damage. Field closings will be posted on the AYSA website by 5:00pm on weeknights and 10:00am on weekends. If the City of Alpharetta Parks and Recreation Department closes fields due to field conditions or the possibility of field damage, all activities must be canceled or postponed until the City of Alpharetta opens the fields for further play.

SECTION D - The decision to close all fields can be made by:

- The Alpharetta Mayor or Designee
- The Director of Parks and Recreation or Designee
- The AYSA Board Members

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO BOARD AND CITY ACTIVITY AND FIELD CLOSINGS:

The AYSA Board requires all coaches to strictly adhere to these weather related policies. Penalties for violating these policies shall result in the following penalties:

1. The first violation to the above policies will result in a verbal and written warning to the head coach.
2. The second violation shall result in a one game team forfeit.
3. The third violation will result in the termination of the head coach's future coaching possibilities.