

Weather Policy

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Background

At Basketball ACT, we want everybody to enjoy the game of basketball in the safest environment possible. Although nobody can control the weather, the following policies have been put into place to help manage and maintain the safety of all participants. The “three-phase” approach towards the Air Quality Policy and Heat Policy allows participants to enjoy the game of basketball under a safer, altered game structure.

At all times, these policies are in effect:

- All decisions related to the implementation of the policies below will be made by the duty Member Services Officer (MSO);
- MSOs will have access to handheld air quality readers and will take readings from inside the stadium to determine air quality for the purpose of implementing the various phases of the air quality policy;
- MSOs will have access to thermometers and will take readings from inside the stadium to determine temperature levels for the purpose of implementing the various phases of the heat policy;
- At any point during competition time, the MSO can stop games from progressing if they deem it unsafe to proceed due to poor air quality, heat, adverse weather or court conditions;
- If a game is abandoned because of poor air quality, heat, adverse weather or court conditions, game results will be determined in accordance to Section 7.6 of the Competition Rules and By-Laws;
- All games may be rescheduled at the discretion of Basketball ACT in accordance with Section 7.6 of the Competition Rules and By-Laws;
- Game fees will not be refunded for weather-affected games

Adjusted Game Timings

For any games impacted by poor air quality, heat, or adverse weather conditions where it has been determined that adjusted clock timings, the following protocols will be implemented:

Running Clock Games

- Game will be reduced to 8-minute quarters
- Mandatory referee’s time-out at the 4-minute mark in each quarter (clock stops)
- 3-minute break at 1st and 3rd quarter breaks
- 5-minute half time break

A Grade Games

- Game will be reduced to 10-minute quarters
- Mandatory referee’s time-out at the 5-minute mark in each quarter (clock stops)
- 3-minute break at 1st and 3rd quarter breaks
- 5-minute half time break

Fully Timed Games

- Game times remain the same
- Each team allowed 2 time-outs per quarter
- Mandatory referee’s time-out at the 5-minute mark in each quarter
- Quarter time breaks, including half time, shall be extended by 2-minutes

Once a game commences, the timing will remain the same throughout the game. Game timings may only change if the MSO believes that the environmental conditions are deteriorating, and it is in the best interest of everybody's safety to make additional changes

Court Condition Policy

When the game court is affected by external conditions (rain, for example), it is under the discretion of the MSO as to whether the game is to go ahead. Refer to Section 7.6 of the Competition By-Laws for the results of games effected by external conditions.

Multiple Factors Policy

If a game is affected by both heat and poor air quality, the following grid will come into effect:

	Heat – Phase 1	Heat – Phase 2	Heat – Phase 3
Air Quality – Phase 1	The game will be played with adjusted time (negotiable: game to be played in full – both teams and referees must all agree)	The game will be played with adjusted time (non-negotiable). The game may be rescheduled as per Section 7.6 of the Competition By-Laws	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)
Air Quality – Phase 2	The game will be played with adjusted time (non-negotiable). The game may be rescheduled as per Section 7.6 of the Competition By-Laws	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)
Air Quality – Phase 3	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)	The game will be called off (non-negotiable)