
WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY

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PURPOSE

Provides guidelines for monitoring weather conditions at game sites.

POLICY

Inter Tribal Sports (ITS) does not own or control any sports facilities. ITS relies on the consortium of tribes/**tribal organization** to provide access to these sites. ITS works closely with the **tribes/tribal organization** in scheduling and preparing for game play. As a part of this process, ITS also monitors weather conditions at the event and game locations. The guidelines below outline the process for managing game sites in the event weather conditions are unsuitable for game play.

Game Scheduling

Sports in southern California are played throughout the year encountering a variety of weather conditions. During the scheduling process, ITS staff shall be aware of the weather conditions for each season and the requirements for each sport. For example, outside basketball courts would require an alternate indoor location or softball games at sites that exceed **102° F** would be scheduled at a cooler time of day. The ITS staff will schedule games accordingly based on these circumstances.

Advance Monitoring

In anticipation of game play, ITS staff shall monitor the weather conditions no later than three (3) days in advance of games. ITS shall utilize the National Weather Service (www.weather.gov) to monitor and make game change determinations using the zip codes of the game sites. A final decision shall be made no later than 1:00 p.m. the day before scheduled games based on temperature, rain, wind, thunderstorms, and other weather-related phenomenon.

Weather Conditions

Adjustments to site location or times must be made based on the following weather criteria:

- Temperature: below 55° F or above **102° F**
- Rain: 30% chance of rain or greater
- Wind: moderate, strong, or sustained and/or gusting at 20 MPH or greater
- Thunderstorms: chance of thunderstorms indicated
- Other Weather: any weather pattern which may present a moderate to extreme safety concern

Alternate Locations/Cancellations

All final decisions to move games must come from the ITS administrative office in cooperation with the site host. Every effort shall be made to transfer games to an alternate location. However, when a suitable alternative site is not available, games may be cancelled or postponed.

Notification of Teams

ITS shall make phone calls to notify coaches and board members of the changes to the schedule by no later than 2:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled games. Emails notifications may also be sent as a reminder but should not be the primary form of contact.

Game Day Weather Conditions

In the event that games are not relocated, and teams are on site for the games, but the weather conditions change and become unsuitable for play, all games will be cancelled (see **600.6** Game Cancellations and Forfeitures Policy, **100.1** Player Eligibility Policy).

RELATED INFORMATION

Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

[League Rules \(see specific league\)](#)

Inter Tribal Sports Related Policies:

[600.6](#) Game Cancellations and Forfeitures Policy; [100.1](#) Player Eligibility Policy

Related Links:

www.intertribalsports.org → [Team Central](#) → [Coach Corner](#) → [ITS Rules and Policies](#)