HVABSA Cold Weather Policy
Baseball & Softball Practices and Games

Highland Village Area Baseball & Softball Association (HVABSA)

Purpose

This policy establishes cold weather guidelines for baseball and softball practices and games conducted by the Highland Village Area Baseball & Softball Association (HVABSA). These guidelines are intentionally aligned with Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) cold weather practices to provide familiarity, consistency, and clarity for families, coaches, and players.

Authority and Field Conditions

The City of Highland Village has sole authority to determine field closures due to field conditions, including frozen ground, unsafe or wet playing surfaces, and inclement weather. HVABSA will fully comply with all City of Highland Village field closure determinations.

When fields remain open, temperature-related decisions for baseball and softball practices and games will be determined by the HVABSA General Manager in consultation with the Executive Board.

Cold Weather Guidelines (Wind Chill Based – Baseball & Softball)

HVABSA evaluates cold weather conditions using wind chill ("feels like" temperature), rather than air temperature alone. These wind chill ranges mirror those used by Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) for outdoor student activities, providing a familiar and trusted framework for weather-related decisions.

- Wind Chill of 41°F or Above: Outdoor baseball and softball practices and games may proceed as scheduled.
- Wind Chill of 40°F to 34°F (Caution Conditions): Players are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate cold-weather layers. Coaches are responsible for actively monitoring players for signs of cold-related discomfort or safety concerns. If a coach or parent determines that conditions are too cold for a player to safely participate, the player may refrain from participating. Players who do not participate under these conditions will not be penalized and will not lose playing time as a result of prioritizing health and safety.
- Wind Chill of 33°F or Below (Cold Weather Risk): Outdoor baseball and softball practices or games may be delayed, modified, or postponed at the discretion of the HVABSA General Manager and Executive Board, taking into account player safety, forecast trends, and overall conditions.

Morning vs. Afternoon Scheduling Considerations

Cold weather delays or postponements may apply primarily to morning practices or games. As temperatures often improve throughout the day, afternoon or evening baseball and softball activities may proceed if conditions become safe.

Clarifying Guidance

These guidelines are intended to provide structure while recognizing that cold weather affects players differently. HVABSA supports coaches and families in using sound judgment and open communication when weather conditions are questionable. Player safety and well-being should always take precedence over participation, and no player will be disadvantaged for making a responsible decision regarding cold weather conditions.

Communication and Notifications

HVABSA will communicate all weather-related decisions in a timely manner using the following channels:

- HVABSA Facebook page
- HVABSA Instagram page
- HVABSA official website
- Direct notifications to coaches
- Email blast to parents and guardians

Final Statement

By aligning these cold weather guidelines with those used by Lewisville Independent School District, HVABSA aims to provide consistency, transparency, and reassurance to families while maintaining the flexibility needed to make sound decisions for youth baseball and softball activities.