

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). The purpose of this policy is to prioritize player safety while maintaining clarity and consistency for families, coaches, and officials.

Authority and Field Conditions

The City of Highland Village has sole authority to determine field closures due to field conditions, including but not limited to 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 Temperature Guidelines (Baseball & Softball)

HVABSA uses wind chill ("feels like" temperature), rather than air temperature alone, when evaluating cold weather conditions. To simplify communication and expectations, HVABSA has adopted the following two-tier guideline:

- Wind Chill of 41°F or Above: All outdoor baseball and softball practices and games will proceed as scheduled.
- Wind Chill of 40°F or Below: Outdoor baseball and softball practices or games may be delayed, modified, or postponed based on conditions and player safety considerations.

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.

Communication and Notifications

HVABSA will communicate all weather-related decisions as clearly and promptly as possible 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

This simplified cold weather policy is intended to provide clear expectations while allowing HVABSA leadership the flexibility needed to respond to changing weather conditions. All temperature-related decisions will be made in coordination with City of Highland Village field availability determinations.