



## Shawnee County Sports Inclement Weather Policies and Procedures

In the event of inclement weather, we coordinate with Shawnee County Emergency Management to help make decisions. Whether or not to play or postpone league play is ultimately a decision that is made collectively by the managers of Shawnee County Sports.

The Athletics Hotline (785-251-6940) and Play/No Play status at [www.quickscores.com/snco](http://www.quickscores.com/snco) are updated on weekdays at 4:30 p.m., on Saturdays by 7:30 a.m. and on Sundays by noon. If severe weather hits after those times, decisions will be up to on-site Sports Staff. If it occurs during play, the call is up to the umpires/referees.

**Heat** – Many of our leagues take place in the heat of KS summer. We will always be “Play Ball” in the case of heat. Game officials may utilize breaks or modifications, if necessary.

**Cold** – For Youth + Adult baseball/softball leagues only, if forecasted game-time temperature dips below 40 degrees, games will be canceled. **Extenuating circumstances:** If play has begun when temperature drops, game will continue until conclusion. Ensuing games could continue at discretion of site staff.

**Rain** – The status of game play in the case of rain will almost always depend on the conditions of the field. While fields at Bettis Family Sports Complex will generally be “Play Ball,” other facilities with dirt infields will depend on the amount of rain prior to game action and the amount forecasted during play.

Refer on a case-by-case basis to the Athletics Hotline and Play/No Play status on QuickScores for best answers on game status due to rain.

**Snow/Ice** – With basketball and volleyball leagues taking place in the winter, adverse road conditions can often come into play. Like with rain, this will largely be decided on a case-by-case basis. If road conditions are deemed unsafe to drive on, games will be canceled or postponed.

**Storm/Tornado** – In the event of a “watch,” we are likely to play if we can get games in – although, again, this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

When lightning is spotted in the area, play will be suspended for 30 minutes from the most recent strike in the vicinity. Proximity will be determined by the discretion of Sports Staff on site.

In the event of a storm/tornado “warning,” games will automatically be canceled.

If games have already begun when inclement weather arrives that forces games to be called/postponed for the duration of that day/night, a Sports Staff member will update the Hotline and Play/No Play status on Quick Scores to reflect the affected game locations.

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