

# TOGA Weather Policy

## Lightning

When lightning is sighted during or before games, play will be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes for severe weather to clear. Additional lightning sighted will restart the 30 minute count. In summer league, if lightning is sighted this will stop game play where the points stand. If you are after half time, the team with the lead wins the game. If you are in the first half, a tie is called. Summer league second games can resume when league officials or captains present concur that it is safe to do so.

If you see lightning, report it to TOGA officials IMMEDIATELY. When the whistle sounds calling for a lightning suspension, captains should call all players to stop game play, pick up the disc, and return to a covered location. Players should be told to return to their vehicles or seek cover until games are resumed, or declared canceled.

TOGA officials as well as captains present have the authority to apply the weather guidelines as needed. The safety of players is our biggest priority.

## Rain

Generally, games will continue as scheduled despite rainy or wet conditions, in the absence of lightning.

In the event that the fields are deemed unplayable (fields are at risk for damage) either by league officials or the owners/operators of the field site, games may be canceled. Cancellations can occur before or during an event.

## Heat Advisory

When a heat advisory players should consider their personal physical condition in deciding to play or not. Bring extra water, and teams should expect to take more frequent breaks or longer breaks between points as needed. If one team is playing savage, please be respectful to them and make sure to give them ample time to get water. If anyone is feeling faint or dizzy please stop play and treat it like an injury. Players experiencing heat exhaustion should seek shade and drink plenty of water while another team player informs a TOGA official.

## Air Quality

AQI of 100 or higher, players with heart conditions, asthma, or other respiratory concerns should consider removing themselves from TOGA games. More frequent breaks or time between points is encouraged. At AQIs of over 150, TOGA games will allow for longer break times between points as needed by players, and players should consider a more frequent player rotation. Sensitive athletes should refrain from play, but this is at the players discretion. If a player is experiencing shortness of breath or other respiratory concerns inform a TOGA official immediately. At AQI levels 200 or above games will be canceled and an email, facebook post, and website update will be sent to players.

## Cancellations

Unless you hear otherwise (by the TOGA homepage, TOGA facebook, or from your captain), games are ON and NOT canceled.

We always do our best to respect the time of our players and give timely notifications. However, we prefer not to cancel games if play is possible, even after a short delay.