Extreme Weather Policies

Excessive Outdoor Heat Policy

The Intramural Director and/or Head IM Secretary and IM Supervisors will use The Weather Channel internet application, National Weather Service or wunderground.com for monitoring the outdoor heat index (combination of heat and humidity or “real feel”) and to determine any necessary actions.

An outdoor heat index reading of 95° for New Haven County: Intramural supervisors and team captains should advise teams of the heat before the game, telling them to take extra care and make appropriate and frequent substitutions. Supervisors can provide ice/water to the fields of play and should advise participants to drink plenty of water throughout the game. Players should bring a filled water bottle.

At an outdoor heat index reading of 100° for New Haven County: The Director of Intramurals and/or Head IM Secretary will cancel all outdoor IM activities. IM leadership will communicate the cancelation of all events to the IM Secretaries and Lead Officials by email by 1:00pm. For more information on heat precautions, https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat

A participant or team may withdraw from play with no penalty due to overheating symptoms if they advise the referees and opponent.

Cold and Wet Weather Safety

Cold: based on wind chill (air temperature and wind speed) – “feels like” temperature. When conditions are wet (precipitation is occurring), there’s an increased risk for cold-related/slipping injuries and field damage, so when precipitation is present, events will likely be cancelled regardless of the wind chill temperature. Playable wind chill: 36° - 45° and above, warm clothing is encouraged. Wind chill: 35° and below, no outdoor activity. Wet: raining or existing puddles/ponding on the fields, no outdoor activity.