

# **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](http://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.