

## NGHA Inclement Weather Policy

<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	<p>Inclement weather can wreak havoc on hockey game schedules. When weather situations occur where it is deemed to be unsafe to travel on the roads, this policy outlines procedure for requesting games be cancelled and rescheduled (if possible pending ice availability) due to inclement weather. Practices will not be rescheduled.</p>
<b>Considerations</b>	<p>Before requesting that a game be cancelled, consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The safety of players, bench staff and families of both teams</li><li>2. The weather forecast locally and to destination, before and after the game</li><li>3. Distance to be travelled</li><li>4. Types of roads being travelled</li><li>5. Unless city closes arenas, which is extremely rare, teams are still responsible for paying the ice rental costs</li><li>6. Extra ice is scarce so rescheduling games is difficult</li><li>7. Your season's schedule</li></ol>
<b>Procedure for NGHA House League Teams</b>	<p>Procedure for NGHA House League Teams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Head coach or manager from requesting team must notify the house league director and convenor a minimum of four hours prior to the original scheduled game time, and request permission to cancel the game. Game details to be provided include game date, start time, location, teams, team contact email and phone number.</li><li>2. The house league director and/or convenor will grant permission or deny request to cancel.</li><li>3. If permission is granted, the team requesting permission to cancel the game due to inclement weather must advise the other team of the approval within 30 mins of receiving the decision from the HL director or convenor.</li><li>4. The team requesting permission to cancel the game is responsible for contacting the officials, timekeepers and ice scheduler to inform them that the game will be cancelled.</li><li>5. Cancelled games will be rescheduled pending ice availability prior to the end of the season.</li></ol>
<b>Procedure for NGHA Competitive Teams</b>	<p>Procedure for NGHA Competitive Teams: NGHA Competitive teams will follow the Inclement Weather procedure established by the ODWHA found <a href="#">here</a></p>

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