

*The MWSL uses [USA Soccer Guidance](#) as direction for weather-related issues.

SEVERE WEATHER & WINTER WEATHER:

Regardless of the season, the MWSL Board does not cancel games due to severe weather or winter weather.

Games will only be canceled under the following circumstances:

- A field manager closes the field
- Referees AT THE FIELD deem conditions are unsafe or unfit for play

EXCESSIVE HEAT:

Regardless of the season, the MWSL Board does not cancel games due to excessive heat.

- Teams should take precautions as they see fit (i.e. hydration breaks, shortened halves, additional subs, etc).

AIR QUALITY:

The MWSL Board will cancel games due to air quality under the following circumstances:

- If the Air Quality Index (AQI) for the region is at 150 or higher at 3pm on gameday, according to [airnow.gov](#) (using zip code 55108).

Should the MWSL be alerted of any of the above weather related scenarios, we will...

- Email team managers of affected teams
- Post on social media
- Mark the game as "canceled" on the website, which also triggers a notification of affected players

POSTPONEMENT OR FORFEIT PROCEDURES

It is up to individual teams to decide if they want to proceed with a game affected by weather (or any reason). If your team has decided not to play, and the league has not canceled your game, you have the following options...

- Request to reschedule the game (summer and fall season only)
 - You must email **info@mwsl.org AND fields@mwsl.org**, as well as the opposing team's manager notifying them you'd like to reschedule the game. Opposing team manager emails can be found on the [Team Contacts](#) page.
 - Our Fields and Schedule coordinator will work with the teams to determine a new date and field location.
 - *Note: games cannot be rescheduled during Winter Sessions because of limited rented field space.*
- Declare a forfeit
 - You must email **info@mwsl.org AND fields@mwsl.org**, as well as the opposing team's manager notifying them of the forfeit. The game will not be rescheduled and is recorded as a 2-0 win to the opposing team.

If a team manager fails to reach out to the necessary parties, their team is subject to fines. This gives us a chance to call off referees for the game. It is normal, and expected, for team managers to be in touch with other managers to decide if proceeding with a game is right for them. We do not use other leagues' or organizations' cancellation reports as a basis for MWSL cancellations.