



EXTREME COLD WEATHER & SNOW POLICY

PURPOSE

To prioritize safety and provide clear guidance on handling snow, ice, and extreme cold weather conditions while ensuring transparency in scheduling and attendance expectations.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all indoor sports organized by Stonewall Sports Detroit during the winter season (e.g., November–March).

POLICY DETAILS

A. Snow & Severe Weather Cancellations

1. Games will only be canceled if:
 - The venue closes due to snow, ice, or hazardous conditions.
 - Local authorities recommend avoiding all non-essential travel due to weather conditions (e.g., Blizzard Warnings, Severe Ice Storm Warnings).
2. If the venue remains open, games will proceed as scheduled.
3. The decision to cancel games will be made no later than 1 hour before the scheduled start time.

B. Extreme Cold Weather

1. Games will NOT be canceled solely due to extreme cold weather (e.g., subzero temperatures, wind chill warnings) as long as the venue remains open.
2. Attendance is left to **player discretion** in extreme cold weather conditions. Penalties will still apply as per the rules of each sport, should a player/team decide not to attend that day.

C. Communication Plan

1. Notification of cancellations or updates will be shared via:
 - Email to all registered players
 - Stonewall Sports Detroit's social media platforms
 - Group chats or text alerts (if applicable)
2. Communications will clearly state:
 - Whether games are proceeding as scheduled



- Player discretion for attendance in extreme cold weather

D. Rescheduling Procedures

1. Canceled games (due to venue closure) will be rescheduled based on:
 - Venue availability
 - League timelines
2. Rescheduled games will be announced within 48 hours of the cancellation (if, applicable).
3. If rescheduling is not possible, the game may be omitted from league standings or handled as a no-contest.

TRAVEL & PLAYER SAFETY

1. Players/teams are encouraged to prioritize personal safety when traveling, even if games are not canceled.
2. Players/Teams who are unable to travel safely may forfeit games, and are encouraged to inform the Sports Lead(s) 2 hours prior to time. Penalties or forfeits will still apply per the rules of each sport.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Sports Lead(s) will consult with the Sports Director to monitor weather conditions, consult venue management, and make decisions about cancellations.
2. Team captains must ensure their players are informed of updates.