



Weather Cancellation Policy

This policy outlines Harrisburg Young Professionals' (HYP) weather-related guidelines for all events and sports. The main priority of HYP is the safety of all attendees, members, athletes, officials, and spectators. Cancellations will be based on weather forecasts, real-time conditions, and guidance from venue hosts. For this policy, any reference to activity/activities includes both sports and events organized by HYP.

Decision-Making

Prior to an activity's scheduled time, the decision to cancel will be made by the HYP Committee(s) planning the activity in consultation with the HYP Executive Director.

- The decision for sports will be made by the HYP Sports Coordinator in consultation with the HYP Sports Committee and HYP Executive Director.
- Sports may be cancelled on a game-to-game basis based upon the weather conditions.
- If the HYP Sports Coordinator is unavailable, the HYP Executive Director in consultation with the HYP Sports Committee will make the decision.
- If the Executive Director is unavailable, the HYP President will take their role.
- A venue host may also make this decision for the activity they're hosting.

Weather conditions will be gathered through a single weather monitoring software and the National Weather Service (NWS).

This decision will be made no later than two (2) hours prior to the activity's scheduled start time unless there are rapid changes in weather conditions.

During an activity, on-site HYP officials will make real-time decisions based on current weather conditions and safety concerns to pause or cancel.

Communication

Notification regarding all cancellations will be sent out to affected attendees, athletes, and officials via an official HYP email notification. A temporary message on HYP official social media channels (Facebook and Instagram only) will also be shared. Any scheduled events on the HYP website or social media will be updated.

Sport Delays

If a game is delayed past its allotted time slot, the game is considered cancelled and will not count as a win or loss for any team affected.

Event Modification

Events that are exclusively outdoors or have an outdoor portion may be modified to be inside only to accommodate the weather conditions instead of cancelling.

Rescheduling

Cancelled sport games will be rescheduled based on venue availability. Captains will be notified of the new dates and times as soon as possible.

Cancelled events will be rescheduled if possible. Communication will be shared of the new date and time as soon as possible.

Temperature

This section is only applicable to outdoor activities:

- <32°F: Sports cancelled, will be monitored, and events may be cancelled.
- 90+°F: Communication on best practices for heat shared with athletes.
- 95+°F: Sports cancelled, will be monitored, and events may be cancelled.
- NWS Heat Advisories: Will be monitored and activities may be cancelled.

Indoor activities may be cancelled if the venue's temperature is below 60°F or above 80°F.

Wind

This section is only applicable to outdoor activities:

- Sustained winds 25+ mph: Cancelled.
- Gust winds 25+ mph: Cancelled.
- Sustained winds 15+ mph: Cancel only sand volleyball.
- Gust winds 15+ mph: Cancel only sand volleyball.

Flooding

This section is only applicable to outdoor activities:

- Flooded venue: Cancelled.
- Muddy venue: To the point of being unsafe or destructive will cancel activities.

Lightning

This section is only applicable to outdoor sports:

- Game Pause/Delay: Lightning detected within ten (10) miles or less will cause games to be paused or delayed.
- Shelter: Athletes must vacate and seek shelter nearby or within their own vehicles.
- Resumption of Game: Games can resume 30 minutes after the last lightning detected within ten (10) miles.

This section is only applicable to outdoor events:

- Event Pause/Delay: Lightning detected within five (5) miles or less will cause any outdoor portion of events to be paused or delayed.
- Shelter: Attendees must vacate the outdoors portion of the event and seek shelter nearby in the indoors portion of the event or within their own vehicles.
- Resumption of Event: The outdoor portion of the event can resume after the last lightning detected within five (5) miles.

If thunder is heard during outdoor activities, it is presumed to be within five (5) miles or less. The ability to see lightning will not automatically cause action as lightning can be seen further than ten (10) miles.

Severe Weather

Outdoor activities may be cancelled due to:

- Hail
- Heavy, sustained rain
- Snow/Ice

Air Quality

This section is only applicable to outdoor activities. The U.S. Air Quality Index (AQI) is the Environmental Protection Agency's tool for communicating about outdoor air quality and health.

- AQI 151-200: Will be monitored and activities scheduled within the restriction's time frame may be cancelled.
- AQI 200+: Cancelled.

National Weather Service Alerts

NWS alerts provide warnings about severe weather conditions. Alerts must be for the activity's county/city and fall within its scheduled time.

The following alerts will be monitored, and any outdoor activities may be cancelled:

- Severe Thunderstorm Warning
- Heat Advisory
- Excessive Heat Warning
- Dense Fog Advisory
- Air Quality Alert
- Tornado Watch
- Flash Flood Watch
- Winter Storm Watch
- Hurricane Watch
- Tropical Storm Watch

The following alerts will cause outdoor activities scheduled to be cancelled:

- Wind Advisory
- High Wind Warning
- Extreme Wind Warning

The following alerts will cause activities scheduled to be cancelled:

- Tornado Warning
- Flood Warning
- Flash Flood Warning
- Winter Storm Warning

- Blizzard Warning
- Ice Storm Warning
- Hurricane Warning
- Tropical Storm Warning

Additionally NWS alerts not listed may result in an activity to be cancelled.

Road Restrictions

- Road restrictions: Activities scheduled within PennDOT-issued road restrictions that impact access to the activity's venue may be cancelled.
 - Roads monitored are I-83, I-81, R-22, R-322, and R-422 within the surrounding Harrisburg area.
 - Tier 1 and 2: Will be monitored and activities scheduled within the restriction's time frame may be cancelled if determined necessary.
 - Tier 3 and 4: Will cause activities scheduled within the restrictions' time frame to be cancelled.
- Road Closures: If access to the activity's venue is not possible due to road closures, the activity will be cancelled.

State of Emergencies

- State of Emergencies: Activities will be cancelled if federal, state, or local authorities declare a state of emergency that affects the activity's venue.

Other Considerations

In addition to the specific conditions outlined, HYP reserves the right to cancel activities due to any other safety concern that may arise. This includes but is not limited to:

- Unexpected Hazardous Weather
- Environmental Hazards
- Health and Safety Concerns
- Local Advisories
- Political Protests/Marches
- Unforeseen Circumstances