Air Quality Procedure

Purpose

To serve as a guideline for CMSA Members, Match Officials, Team Officials, and players participating with Calgary Minor Soccer Association. This guide should be used when assessing air quality prior to and during games and/or practices.

Procedure

Air Quality should be reviewed **one (1) hour** prior to each game and/or practice start time. Please follow the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) as provided by the Alberta Government: https://airquality.alberta.ca/map/ . This is the only index calculation CMSA will be following.

1. Air Quality is **1 - 5** one hour prior to start time;
    a. Game and/or practice may resume as scheduled and all parties should arrive ready to participate.
    b. If the AQHI changes to a **7 or above** at the start time, the match official for games, and team official for practices should delay or cancel.
        i. Match officials have the final say to cancel a game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official's opinion. Match official is to indicate on the game sheet the reason for abandonment and the AQHI measurement at time of abandonment.
    c. If there is a sudden change in AQHI during a game, match officials for games are advised to use their discretion, recording all relevant information on the game sheet. Team officials for practices are advised to use their discretion.

2. Air Quality is **6 or 7** one hour prior to start time;
    a. All teams and match officials should arrive ready to participate.
    b. If the AQHI is a **6 or below**, the game and/or practice may resume as scheduled.
    c. If the AQHI remains a **7 or above** at the start time, the match official for games and team official for practices should delay or cancel.
        i. Match officials have the final say to cancel a game if the conditions are considered dangerous, in the match official's opinion. Match officials are to indicate on the game sheet the reason for abandonment and the AQHI measurement at time of abandonment.
    d. If there is a sudden change in AQHI during a game, match officials for games are advised to use their discretion, recording all relevant information on the game sheet. Team officials for practices are advised to use their discretion.

3. Air Quality is **8 or above** one hour prior to start time;
    a. The game is considered cancelled, and a rescheduling form should be submitted to CMSA at rhugh@calgaryminorsoccer.com.
    b. Practices should be cancelled and rescheduled.

If the AQHI is between **4 – 6,** allow players to take breaks within games and practices, similar to cooling breaks when extreme temperatures are present. In games, the referee would stop the game for a break during each half for two (2) minutes.