

# Inclement Weather Policy

## Statement

1. The safety of players, officials, spectators and other individuals is paramount.

## Application

2. This policy applies for all DiscNS organized and sanctioned events including all events, games, practices, etc. organized by DiscNS member leagues and clubs.

## Inclement Weather Procedures

### Lightening

3. If lightning is observed by any player resulting in audible thunder within 30 seconds of the lightning strike, play is to be stopped immediately (or delayed from starting if not yet started) and should not be resumed until no lightning has been observed for 30 minutes. This is the “30/30 rule”.
4. All players must leave the field or course and seek shelter from the lightning as appropriate for each venue. If no lightning shelter or indoor space is available, players should seek shelter in vehicles.

### Specific Procedures for Ultimate

5. If lightning is observed during an Ultimate game when there is 30 minutes or less remaining until the game’s scheduled hard cap, the game shall be considered to have ended at that point and play will not be resumed.
6. In the event that a game is stopped due to lightning and cannot safely be resumed, the score shall stand as a final score if any of the conditions are met:
  - a. Halftime of the game has been reached.
  - b. Halftime has not been reached but one team leads by 4 or more points.
  - c. The game is a playoff game. In this case the score shall be final regardless of the difference in score between teams.
  - d. If none of the above conditions have been met, the game shall not be counted and will be recorded in the same manner as a game canceled due to weather.

### Specific Procedures for Disc Golf

7. In cases where the a Golf tournament has been stopped for one hour or more and cannot safely resume, the remainder of the round must be rescheduled by the tournament director.

### Extreme Heat

8. “Extreme Heat” is defined as weather conditions where the Heat Index temperature (the ‘feels like’ temperature) exceeds 40°C, or whenever a Heat Warning is issued by Environment Canada.

### Specific Procedures for Ultimate

9. In Extreme Heat conditions, play may not commence. If play has started, it must be suspended at the earliest possible convenience (eg. the conclusion of the current point, half, game, or round at the discretion of the Event Organizer).
10. In the event that play is stopped due to extreme heat, and cannot be resumed within 3 hours, the score shall stand as a final score if any of the conditions are met:
  - a. Halftime of the game has been reached.
  - b. Halftime has not been reached but one team leads by 4 or more points.
  - c. The game is a playoff game. In this case the score shall be final regardless of the difference in score between teams.
  - d. If none of the above conditions have been met, the game shall not be counted and will be recorded in the same manner as a game canceled due to weather.

### Specific Procedures for Disc Golf

11. In Extreme Heat conditions, play may continue if Event Organizers provide additional amenities (shade, water, etc...) and make appropriate schedule modifications as needed.

### Extreme Cold

12. "Extreme Cold" is defined, herein, as weather conditions where the Index temperature (the 'feels like' temperature) is less than -10°C, or whenever a Heat Warning is issued by Environment Canada.

### Procedures for Players

13. Play may continue under extreme cold conditions so long as the schedule allows for period breaks for players to warm up. Tournaments organizers must provide a warming area where participants can gather between play.

## Revision Statement

This Policy was last ratified on \_\_\_**April 15th, 2018**\_\_\_. DiscNS may change this Policy from time to time. If DiscNS makes a material change, this Policy will be updated accordingly and DiscNS will make reasonable efforts to notify affected individuals and organizations.



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