



Weather & Environmental Safety

Prepared October 22, 2026 | Applies across sports and locations

Our priority is safe participation.

This policy applies to Just Compete Sports and affiliated programs, including NFL FLAG, Girls Play Flag Football, Touchdown for Tots, YOUNG3 Basketball, NHL STREET and MLS GO. It covers practices, games, clinics, tournaments and other activities, including indoor events affected by unsafe travel, building conditions or environmental hazards.

Who makes the weather decision?

Designated league or event leadership, in coordination with facility staff and officials, may delay, modify, relocate, suspend or cancel an activity when conditions are unsafe. Facility closures and stricter applicable facility, governing body or local requirements take priority. Coaches and teams must follow suspension and evacuation directions.

Rain and playing surface conditions

Rain alone does not automatically cancel outdoor activities. Play may continue when there is no lightning risk and the surface and conditions remain safe. Standing water, flooding, slick courts, poor traction, reduced visibility or unsafe fields may require a delay or cancellation. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Do not enter closed fields or courts.

Thunderstorms and lightning: stop and shelter

Suspend outdoor activity immediately when thunder is heard, lightning is seen, or reliable monitoring identifies lightning within 10 miles of the activity. Do not wait for an app alert when thunder or lightning is observed. Allow enough time for everyone to reach shelter safely.

Use safe shelter

Move to a substantial, fully enclosed building or an enclosed vehicle with a hard metal roof and closed windows. Tents, canopies, dugouts, open shelters and trees are not safe lightning shelters. Stay away from plumbing and electrical equipment inside buildings. Follow the facility emergency plan for tornadoes and other severe weather; a vehicle is not a tornado shelter.

Returning after a lightning suspension

Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or observed lightning, and after the last detected strike within the 10 mile monitoring radius. Each new occurrence restarts the full waiting period. Stay sheltered until designated leadership and the facility authorize a return. A 30 minute delay is a minimum safety interval, not a maximum waiting time or an automatic restart.

Immediate danger or a serious medical emergency: call 911.

Stop activity, follow the emergency action plan and keep emergency access clear.



Prepare. Monitor. Communicate.

All sports | Outdoor and indoor considerations

Heat and humidity

Evaluate conditions at the activity site and modify duration, intensity, equipment and rest breaks as needed. Use the current linked KSHSAA Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) guidance as a reference for heat decisions, including outdoor activity and facilities without air conditioning. WBGT is different from air temperature or heat index. Provide unrestricted access to drinking water, rest and a cooler area. Follow stricter applicable requirements.

Cold, wind and precipitation

Consider wind chill, wet clothing, exposure time, participant age and access to warm shelter. Add warming breaks, shorten activities, delay or cancel when needed. Require clothing appropriate for the sport and conditions. Snow, ice, freezing precipitation and unsafe travel or facility access may also require changes. Use the linked cold weather and wind chill resources to guide decisions.

Air quality and other environmental hazards

Check local air quality and public health advisories when smoke, pollution or other hazards are present. Modify or stop activity based on conditions and applicable guidance. Athletes with asthma or other respiratory conditions may need changes sooner than others. Follow tornado warnings, evacuation directions and facility instructions. Secure equipment only when it is safe to do so.

Indoor programs

An indoor location does not eliminate weather risks. Building closures, power loss, excessive indoor heat, unsafe air quality, leaks, slippery floors or hazardous travel may affect basketball, hockey, soccer and other indoor activities. Follow the facility shelter and evacuation plan.

Updates, delays and schedule changes

Check the official communication channel designated for your program, such as TeamSnap, email, text alerts or the program website. Do not assume another location has the same status. Weather delays may exceed 30 minutes, and later activities may have adjusted start times. Remain in safe shelter and wait for official instructions. Makeup plans will be shared when confirmed; do not assume a replacement date or time.

Shared responsibilities

League and event staff should identify who monitors conditions, locate safe shelter before activities begin, coordinate decisions with the facility and communicate directions to coaches and families. Coaches should account for athletes and follow parent pickup and supervision procedures. Families should report safety concerns promptly and keep contact information current.

Questions? 365@justcompete.org

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Just Compete All Sports Weather Policy

Read the updated all sports wording on pages 1 and 2.

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02

KSHSAA Recommended Heat Policy

WBGT activity guidance. Current linked PDF: April 2026.

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Environmental Safety Information

Heat, hydration, lightning, cold, wind chill and air quality links.

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KSHSAA Lightning Guidelines

Shelter guidance and the 30 minute restart procedure.

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How these resources apply: KSHSAA materials are reference standards for Just Compete programs. They are not presented as Colorado governing rules. Use sport and age appropriate judgment and comply with stricter applicable facility, event, governing body or local requirements.

The linked environmental safety webpage is a live resource directory, not a standalone PDF attachment. Use its current links for additional guidance. Source links reviewed October 22, 2026.

Original GPFF weather PDF (prior source version)

The original GPFF document is retained as a reference link. Pages 1 and 2 provide the newly prepared wording for all Just Compete sports.