Weather Policy for Recreation Facilities

Purpose
To provide consistent and uniform guidelines for staff and participants to follow in the event of inclement weather for the public, health, safety and well-being of staff, volunteers, participants and facilities.

Guidelines for Recreation Facilities
In the event of inclement weather, the Recreation Department recommends patrons at outdoor recreation areas find shelter and wait at least 30 minutes before resuming activities. The Recreation Department reserves the right, as issued by the National Weather Service or Public Safety Department in the event of tornados, hurricanes or other severe storm watch/warning to close facilities and cancel activities at District Recreation facilities for public safety. At all times participants play at their own risk.

A. Recreation Sponsored Activities*
1. Leagues, Softball & Other Outdoor Sports
   League cancellations due to inclement weather will be made by the recreation staff in charge of the league, 30 minutes prior to the start time. At which time the recreation staff will go to the facility and post a notice and notify any individuals who are already at the courts. Players may call 30 minutes prior to start time to check on league status. * Weather conditions and types of facility may vary from center to center.

   Softball leagues will be canceled one (1) hour before scheduled play time.

   Cancellations/postponements will occur for the following reasons:
   - Outside temperature 35 degrees or below
   - Outside temperature 95 degrees or above
   - Rain, wind, lightening and/or severe conditions (tornado, hurricane, thunderstorm watch/warnings) that compromise the safety of the players or the condition of the facility.

   The determination of league play will be the responsibility of the Recreation Department.
   - League times maybe adjusted, postponed or canceled.

   Rain Delays
   If it is raining before the start of play and stops before the scheduled play time, play will continue as planned. If the rain continues into the schedule play time, recreation staff will invoke a rain delay. After a reasonable amount of time, staff will decide if the weather has improved and is suitable for play or if the activity should be declared a rainout.

2. Funshine Bingo
   Funshine Bingo will be cancelled 30 minutes prior to the start time of the bingo cards being sold based on the following:
   - Outside temperature 50 degrees or below
   - Outside temperature 95 degrees or above
   - Rain, wind, lightening and/or severe conditions (tornado, hurricane, thunderstorm watch/warnings) that compromise the safety of the participants or the condition of the facility.
B. Swimming Pools
- Recreation staff will be in charge of Family & Sports pools that are on-site.
- Neighborhood Adult pools off site and other outdoor recreation areas will be self monitored.
  ◆ for those pools scheduled for 90 minutes pool checks, staff is to clear the swimming pool and wait the allotted 30 minutes for the weather to clear. If weather does not clear staff is to notify their manager and leave.
- Recreation staff and Community Watch staff, in the area during inclement weather, will use their best judgment to encourage and inform patrons to leave the pool or outdoor recreation areas if they deem necessary.

Cancellations will occur for the following reasons:
- Outside temperature 40 degrees or below
- Rain, wind, lightening, and/or severe conditions (tornado, hurricane, thunderstorm watch/warnings) that compromise the safety of the patrons or the condition of the facility

C. Lake Sumter Line – Boat Tours
Cancellations due to inclement weather will be made by the recreation staff in charge of the boats an hour prior to the first scheduled trip.

Cancellations will occur for the following reasons:
- Outside temperature 50 degrees or below
- Outside temperature 95 degrees or above
- Excessive Wind – 18 miles an hour or above
- Rain, wind, lightening and/or severe conditions (tornado, hurricane, thunderstorm watch/warnings) that compromise the safety of patrons, staff and the conditions of boats and docks.

D. Open Play & Resident Sponsored Activities
Participants assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury arising out of or any way connected with participation or involvement in or presence at the activity or program. For the safety and well-being of the public the Recreation Department may close facilities at any time due to weather conditions.

E. Inside facilities will be closed as directed by the Director of Recreation.

Disclaimer
If at anytime facility/field conditions or weather conditions are deemed unsafe, the District Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel or postpone any activity.

For further information and complete activity schedules please visit www.districtgov.org, check the Recreation News, the bulletin boards at each facility or call your nearest Recreation Center.