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## Novi Parks Severe and Inclement Weather Policy

The procedures for Novi Parks are designed to give guidance to employees, coaches, officials and participants in Novi Parks activities. The following are general guidelines. Employee judgment may be exercised in certain situations and some determinations / cancellations may be made on the field / court. As always, the safety and welfare of all concerned is paramount.

### Indoor Facility Closures and Cancellations

Weekdays: During the school year, if Novi Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Novi Parks will cancel all activities held at the schools prior to 4pm. The status of evening activities at the schools will be determined by 4pm and updated on the hotline.

Novi Parks programs at non-school sites may be cancelled for inclement weather when the Parks and Recreation staff deems necessary. Cancellation determinations for such activities during the day will be available on the hotline and evening activity cancellations will be determined by 4pm and placed on the hotline.

Weekends: A determination will be made by 7am and placed on the hotline.

### Outdoor Facility Closures and Cancellations

After severe weather or large amounts of rain, the department may close or restrict the use of outdoor facilities. **As a matter of safety and precaution, all activities must come to a stop if thunder is heard or lightning is seen during practice or a game. All players, coaches, officials, and spectators are to return to their cars. NO EXCEPTIONS. Wait 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder or sight of lightning.** If the weather clears, 30 minutes after last sound of thunder or sight of lightning, play can be resumed. Before deciding to continue play, determine if there is enough time left to complete the game or practice. If conditions persist, practices and games will be cancelled. The discretion of Novi Parks employees, supervisors and officials will be utilized in making such decisions regarding athletics and special events.

Weekdays: A determination will be made by 4pm and placed on the hotline.

Weekends: A determination will be made by 7am for field usage and updated on the hotline. After this time, the hotline will be updated hourly if applicable.

### Hot Weather Restrictions

Call the hotline or check the website for any cancellations due to hot weather.

### Parental Discretion

Parents and guardians are encouraged to use their own discretion whether to allow their child to participate under questionable weather-related conditions. *When in doubt, sit it out.*

Hotline Number: 248.347.0473