



## **Niswawa Parks and Recreation Weather Policy**

### **Weather Announcements**

For weather related cancellations and closures, please view the Niswawa Parks and Rec Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/niswapark](http://www.facebook.com/niswapark)

### **Cancellations of Summer games, practices and programs**

Scheduled youth and adult practices, games, and programs may be cancelled due to wet field conditions or hazardous weather conditions. Morning and afternoon youth program cancellations will be made no later than 30 minutes prior to the program start. Evening youth and adult programs will be cancelled on or about 4pm. Cancellations will be determined by the team coach or volunteer.

### **High Temperatures**

Programs will not be cancelled due to hot and/or humid weather conditions. Coaches and volunteers are expected to use appropriate judgment in determining the length and type of activity. Each parent knows their child's health condition and should discuss their concerns with the child's coach or volunteers. For non-competitive programs, coaches and/or volunteers will be instructed to consider the temperature and to make sure children are not over exerted and have plenty of fluids. If water fountains are not available at the field, parents should make sure that their child brings cold fluids and that the child stays hydrated. Parents have the option to withhold their child from any activity for safety reasons.

### **Severe Weather**

Upon the first sighting of lightning, all in attendance at an outdoor activity should immediately seek shelter. The "Flash-To-Bang" theory is to be used in determining how close lightning is and measures the time from when you see lightning to the time you hear the associated thunder. When the Flash-to-Bang count is 30 seconds, it's time to seek safe shelter such as a bathroom or vehicle. Do not resume activities until 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard. If tornado sirens sound, seek shelter immediately in the bathroom or most secure structure available. All coaches, umpires, volunteers and full-time employees must follow this policy.

### **Outdoor rink and Pond Hockey**

During extreme cold weather, outdoor activities are not recommended. The warming house will be closed and Pond Hockey programs will be cancelled when the air temperature is -8 degrees or lower, or when the wind chill is -15 degrees or lower. The warming house may be closed and Pond Hockey may be cancelled due to the rinks being covered in snow.