

Niagara Soccer League

Air Quality Policy

The Niagara SL is committed to ensuring safer outdoor activities and events by minimizing the health risks associated with poor air quality for all participants, including athletes, coaches, and officials. Recognizing that poor air quality can negatively affect both the short- and long-term health and performance of individuals engaged in outdoor physical activity, NSL is dedicated to reducing this potential harm.

Managing Participants Health with Respect to Air Quality

Index values between one and three are considered low risk, four to six are moderate risk, seven to 10 are high risk, and greater than 10 are very high risk

The forecasted and observed AQHI values will be used to prevent or limit participants' exposure to air pollution. Specifically:

Mandatory water and rest breaks will be implemented approximately every quarter during a game if the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is forecast to be below 7 at the scheduled game time. Games will be cancelled if the AQHI is projected to be 7 or higher at game time.

The decision will be made by 2:00 pm each day and then communicated to affected teams through the league site.

Because air quality can vary across the playing region, the League Administrator will be responsible for making the decision for each specific playing area.

Game cancellations will be communicated to Team and Club Officials and Referees. The league website will also note these cancellations.

Games will be rescheduled as per Niagara Soccer League Rules & Regulations.

[Ontario - Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\) - Environment Canada](#)