



Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation

Inclement Weather Policy

Youth Athletics

The City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation uses the following inclement weather policy for all outdoor athletic practices/games that are held at indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. This policy is designed to provide program participants with a standard for safe play.

The following information are general guidelines, however MPPR staff may exercise judgment in certain situations in judgement of weather and field conditions due to the variability of weather patterns. Determination of cancellation or postponement at times may be made at the facility or complex.

General Timeline for Cancellations

Weeknight Activities: Notice by 4:30pm Morning Activities: Notice by 7:30am

Notice/Status of Programs: Will be posted on the Rainout Hotline, website, and social media. Notifications go out to all parties, including parents, coaches, and referees, at the same time. Notifications will go out periodically as needed on days of question.

- Rainout Hotline: We strongly recommend that parents sign up for text alerts and email alerts through this system.

Indoor/Outdoor Facility Closures and Cancellations

Activities held at City or non-City sites may be cancelled due to inclement weather that may cause unsafe playing conditions or conditions in judgement of staff, to be unsafe for travel. In addition, any programs that take place in Mt. Pleasant Public Schools are subject to cancellation should a school day be cancelled due to weather.

Thunder and Lighting Policy

All outdoor activities MUST suspend play for 30 minutes from last sight of lightning or sound of thunder, before play may resume. All players, coaches, spectators, and officials must leave the playing field and seek shelter in their vehicles or approved building. To continue activity, it must be determined in the judgement of staff or coach, that there is enough time to complete activity. If conditions limit completion, activity will be cancelled.

Communication Outlets

Website/Rainout Line: www.mt-pleasant.org
Sign up for text and email alerts

Phone: 989-981-1010

Facebook: Mt Pleasant Parks and Recreation

Heat Index Policy

The City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation uses the following heat index policy for all outdoor athletic practices/games that are held outdoors during extreme heat. This policy is designed to provide program participants with a standard for safe play.

The heat index is a measure of how hot it feels by calculating air temperature and relative humidity. Heat index will be determined by the National Weather Service using the website www.noaa.org.

The heat index for each game or practice shall be determined 1 hour prior to scheduled start time. It should be understood that the heat index will rise and fall depending on the time of day, amount of wind, cloud cover, etc. For example, a 1pm start time may fall under a different action plan compared to a 4pm game.

It is important for parents/guardians and coaches to monitor youth players during athletic activities during extreme heat. Parents/guardians are responsible for informing their children of the dangers of heat and the need for protection, including sunscreen and proper hydration. Parents/guardians ultimately make the final decision for their child to play during instances when heat may play a factor.

Heat Index	Recommendations/Action
80 degrees or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat index at or below this level provides very little danger from heat and no special measures will be taken by MPPR.
81-93 Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches encouraged to substitute frequently and remind players to hydrate frequently. Players should have cold water bottle for practice/game. No change recommended in game/practice duration. Watch/Monitor players carefully.
94-99 Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches and refs will monitor players and substitute players frequently. Players should have cold water bottle for practice/game. Mandatory 10 minute water breaks following a maximum of 30 minutes of play. Length of program may be altered at the discretion of site supervisor or coaches. Ice water provided at fields through MPPR on game days. Additional shade will be made available to players if possible. Watch/Monitor players closely.
100+ Degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPPR will suspend or cancel all games, practices, and programs until the heat index falls below 100 degrees. Notification will be provided through MPPR weather outlets.

NOAA's National Weather Service

Heat Index
Temperature (°F)

	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	128	136					
70	83	86	90	95	100	105	112	119	126	134						
75	84	88	92	97	103	109	116	124	132							
80	84	89	94	100	106	113	121	129								
85	85	90	96	102	110	117	126	135								
90	86	91	98	105	113	122	131									
95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
100	87	95	103	112	121	132										

Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity

Caution
 Extreme Caution
 Danger
 Extreme Danger