

# WEATHER POLICY

## MAHOMET PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To provide consistent and uniform guidelines for creating awareness and guidance to staff and participants regarding inclement weather that may impact the health, safety and well-being of staff, volunteers, participants, and facilities.

### **GUIDELINES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES**

The following guidelines are recommended for recreation sponsored activities, leagues, tournaments, and special events in the event of inclement weather.

The Parks and Recreation Department will make decisions based upon a number of factors, including: Weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service, Advisement from local emergency personnel, and forecasts from local weather services.

The Parks & Recreation & Department reserves the right to close facilities or cancel, postpone or relocate activities at anytime.

It is our goal to cancel, postpone or relocate activities in a timely manner.

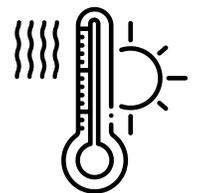
In most cases, decisions will be made a minimum of thirty minutes to one hour prior to the scheduled activity.

Emergency alert warnings may require prompt cancellations.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Inclement weather is defined as rain, wind, lightning, flooding or severe conditions that compromise the safety of the participants, staff, volunteers involved in an activity.

In the event of inclement weather, MPRD recommends patrons at outdoor recreation areas find shelter and wait at least 30 minutes or longer prior to resuming safe, normal activities.



### **WEATHER TEMPERATURE POLICY**

Extreme temperatures may cause cancellations/postponements. The following temperature guidelines will dictate decisions for outdoor events/programs in most cases:

- When outside temperatures are below Zero (0) degrees wind-chill.
- When outside temperature have a heat index of 104 degrees or higher.

## NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Rainout Line is our MPRD notification system.

It is easy to use and allows you to receive event, program and facility closures, cancellations, program deadline reminders and notifications instantly through whichever method you choose. Visit our website @ [www.mahometrecreation.com](http://www.mahometrecreation.com) and click on the "field status" tab for more information on how you can sign up. Our staff takes many things into consideration when making the determination on whether or not to close fields and facilities, or cancel events, including weather radar, current weather conditions, and field conditions. We work hard to be as timely as possible, while also being careful not to cancel too quickly. Our goal is to post cancellation announcements by 4:30PM weekdays and 7:30AM on the weekends.

## NOTIFICATION OPTIONS

**Free mobile app:** Download the Rainout Line app for free from your phone's app store. Once downloaded, search for "Mahomet" and favorite these options: "Field Status" and "Program Deadlines/News":

**Email/text:** Go to [rainoutline.com](http://rainoutline.com) and search for "Mahomet." Select the items you would like to receive notifications for and then select text & email alerts, enter your email address or 10-digit phone and subscribe to the program area you want to receive notifications for. Or click on the Rainout Line Banner above then click "Email & Text Alerts" in the left-hand column of the page.

**Phone:** call 217.586.7246 (RAIN) and follow the extension for your desired program area.

## OPEN PLAY / FACILITY RESERVATIONS / PERMITTED USES

MPRD will make the final determinations on park and field cancellations and closures. Participants assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury arising out of, or in any way connected with participation, involvement or presence at and activity or program located within Village parks and facilities.



## DISCLAIMER

If at any time facility/field conditions or weather conditions are deemed unsafe, the Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel or postpone any activity. At all times participants play at their own risk. For further information and complete activity schedules please visit [www.mahometrecreation.com](http://www.mahometrecreation.com) or call (217) 586-7246 (RAIN)