



Derby Recreation Commission

Cold Weather Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to manage cold weather at all youth sports games, practices and other outdoor activities. It is designed to provide participants with a standard for safety in situations of cold weather. We will rely on the wind chill reading that is updated hourly by the National Weather Service in Wichita. Wind chill temperature is only defined for temperatures at or below 50 degrees Fahrenheit and wind speeds above 3 mph.

During the course of the day, the weather index will rise and fall depending upon the time of day, amount of wind, cloud cover, etc. **Decisions about game cancelations will be made by 4pm for evening games and activities, and 7:30am for Saturday morning games and activities.** Decisions about shortened games will be determined at least 1 hour prior to the first scheduled games. All games that day will finish with the guidelines from which the first games started.

TEMPERATURE GUIDELINES

Temperature means either ambient (still air) or wind chill index.

51 degrees and higher – No Change /Games and activities played as scheduled

50 degrees and lower – Additional clothing beneath uniform suggested
(Long sleeves / Long pants / Additional Socks / Gloves / Caps)

40 degrees and lower – Shorten Games and programs
Soccer – These games will be reduced by 2 minutes per quarter
Flag Football – These games will be reduced by 5 minutes per half

32 degrees and lower – Games and programs cancelled
Coaches should also use this guideline to cancel all practices

These cold weather guidelines will be in effect for all youth and adult spring and fall sports and fitness classes.

The above are merely guidelines and it is the responsibility of parents to make the ultimate decision as to the participation of their child. When cold weather may be a factor, please take into consideration the age and physical condition of your child. Parents also have the ultimate responsibility to inform their child about the dangers of cold and need for protection (layered clothing, moisture wicking clothing, etc). Clothing needs to be underneath the uniform.