

Alpharetta Youth Softball Families and Coaches,

The AYSA Board of Directors understands everyone's desire to practice and play games in marginal weather, especially since warm, non-rainy days are few and far between this time of year. However, our prime directive as the governing Board is to protect the wellbeing of the players, coaches, and parents of our great organization. Our desire is to have your children playing Softball and sports for many years to come, and we are very concerned about cold weather and the effect it has on the health and well being of the girls, especially on their throwing arms.

We have solicited opinions from medical and sports medicine experts, and they have been unanimous in their support of setting cold weather temperature limits for young softball players in order to protect their health. Just as importantly, we want the players and families to enjoy themselves when the girls are playing softball with AYSA ... and frankly, it's very difficult to enjoy yourself if you're shivering and can't feel your toes.

Therefore, the AYSA Cold Weather Policy is....

Weeknights - if the official Alpharetta, Ga. temperature, as measured by www.Weather.com, is 40 Degrees OR LESS at 4:30pm, All Practices, and Games, will be cancelled. In addition, if the forecasted temperature is at or below 40 degrees during the scheduled event, it will be terminated at the time the temperature drops to 40 degrees. This applies to all Slow Pitch, Inter Park Fast Pitch and Travel Fast Pitch teams.

Weekend mornings - if the official Alpharetta, Ga. temperature, as measured or forecast by www.Weather.com is 40 Degrees OR LESS at Practice or Game Time, those Practices or Games will be cancelled or delayed until the temperature is 40 degrees or higher. This applies to all Slow Pitch, Inter Park Fast Pitch and Travel Fast Pitch teams.

Weekend afternoons - if the official Alpharetta, Ga. temperature, as measured or forecast by www.Weather.com is 40 Degrees OR LESS at the start of Practice or Game Time, those Practices or Games will be cancelled. If the forecasted temperature is at or below 40 degrees during the scheduled event, it will be terminated at the time the temperature drops to 40 degrees. This applies to all Slow Pitch, Inter Park Fast Pitch and Travel Fast Pitch teams.

We also urge the coaches and parents to take into consideration other factors that include sunshine, clouds, dark and wind in making appropriate decisions in cancelling team events for the safety of our girls.

Please be assured that any coaches that disregard this policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion by the AYSA Board of Directors. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Our AYSA website includes a link to the Official Temperature (as provided by www.Weather.com). We ask everyone for their cooperation as we strive to make North Park a fun and safe park for our children and families.

AYSA Board of Directors