



Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Inclement Weather Policy

The safety and welfare of all employees and participants is paramount. The policy is designed to give guidance to employees, coaches, officials and participants in activities, as well as other user groups and renters. The following are general guidelines. Recreation Supervisors will determine cancellations based on (prior is preferred) arrangements with instructors, etc. Some determinations / cancellations may be made at the facility or on the field / court

Time Frame for Cancellations

Day of: Determined ASAP

Evening of: Determined by 4pm

(cancellations may be made the evening before if weather dictates)

Weekends: Determined ASAP

Special Events: Determined 3 hours prior to start

Cancellation notices will be available on the hotline, social media, email or by phone. The hotline and social media will be updated hourly if applicable by staff. On days of multiple program cancellations across divisions and weekends, the information should be provided to the Deputy Director for a coordinated dissemination via social media, hotline, and website.

Indoor Facility Closures and Cancellations

Activities held at City or non-City sites may be cancelled for inclement weather or building conditions when Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCS) staff deems necessary or based on the policy of the facility.

During the school year, if Novi Community Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Novi Parks will cancel all activities held at the schools prior to 4pm. The status of evening activities at the schools will be confirmed with a Community Education representative. A determination for activities at City or non-City sites will be made by 4pm and updated on the hotline.

Outdoor Facility Closures and Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather, facility conditions or heat index restrictions, the department may close, restrict the use of outdoor facilities or cancel an activity. The discretion of PRCS staff will be utilized to make such decisions.

As a matter of safety and precaution, all activities must stop if thunder is heard or lightning is seen. All players, coaches, officials, and spectators are to return to their cars. NO EXCEPTIONS. Wait 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder or sight of lightning. If the weather clears, 30 minutes after last sound of thunder or sight of lightning, activity can resume. Before continuing, determine if there is enough time left to complete the activity. If conditions persist the activity will be cancelled.

Transportation Services

We make every effort to serve our transportation customers, however, there are circumstances beyond our control such as weather, traffic, mechanical problems, etc. that may affect service. In the event that modifications or cancellations to schedules or routes are required, the schedulers will notify customers.

Communication of Closures and Cancellations

Novi Weather Hotline - 248.347.0473

City of Novi website - cityofnovi.org

Facebook – Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services or City of Novi Boomers and Beyond