



## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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*Severe weather conditions can pose a significant hazard to public safety, and our athletes, families and staff. Having an inclement weather policy recognizes that in cases of extreme weather, the club may be forced to cancel practices and / or other club related events, and outlines how athletes, families, staff and the Town of Halton Hills will be notified.*

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*This policy offers a framework for defining an Inclement Weather policy.*

**Policy Title:** Inclement Weather

**Policy Owner:** Halton Hills Blue Fins Executive

**Policy Approver(s):**

**Storage Location Describe physical or digital location of copies of this policy**

- HHBF Bulletin Board inside GIP Pool
- HHBF Website under – About Us/Policies & Procedures
- HHBF Google Drive

### **Purpose**

When severe weather conditions pose a hazard to our athletes, families and staff, it can be a significant barrier to our operations, and on such occasions The Halton Hills Blue Fins may be required to cancel scheduled practices and other club related events. This policy outlines the procedures for notification and employee responsibilities.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all athletes and staff of HHBF.

### **General Policy**

Inclement weather is any severe or harsh weather condition, such as blizzards, flooding, violent storms, etc. The safety our athletes and staff is of utmost importance, and, in instances of extreme weather conditions posing any serious danger, HHBF will consider closing the pool and take steps to notify athletes, families, staff and The Town of Halton Hills immediately.

## Halton Hills Blue Fins Practice/ Event Cancellation

If inclement weather is predicted to begin before the start of our regular scheduled practices, we will determine if it is in everyone's best interests if the practice is cancelled until the severe conditions have passed (see the notification section for details). If the inclement weather is predicted to occur during or after scheduled practices or events, we may decide to let athletes and staff go home early.

If the Town of Halton Hills and/ or local schools close and or pull permits for the evening at other facilities in the area as a result of current or impending weather HHBF will follow suit and cancel practices/ events.

Head Coach Chris Henderson will cancel practice no less than 3 hours, whenever possible, before the first athletes are expected to arrive at the pool for training in the evening.

Morning practices will be cancelled no later than 11:00 p.m. the evening before, whenever possible.

## The Town of Halton Hills Practice/ Event Cancellation

The Director of Recreation and/or the Facility Supervisor will determine the closure of a facility as follows:

Daytime/Evenings – on or before 2:00 pm

Friday/Weekends – on or before 4:30pm

Morning practices may be cancelled by *Town of Halton Hills Aquatic Supervisor or Aquatic Coordinator* and the decision would be based upon aquatic staff's ability to travel to the facility and the road conditions.

## **Notification Procedure**

HHBF will notify athletes and families as well as the Town of Halton Hills of any weather related cancellations in the following manner

- SMS Message (message will be received if HHBF Member account is set up in TeamUnify)
- Email
- Facebook Page
- Instagram
- Website under Latest News on Home Page

If the athletes are in the building when a practice / event is cancelled, it is the responsibility of the Head Coach and / or other coaches present to ensure that all athletes have a ride home.

If a severe weather warning is in effect or you are unsure about whether we are going ahead with a practice or event, visit our website or Facebook page and you will be advised about weather conditions and our status.