



## BCCSL COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES



### Purpose:

The BCCSL geographical region extends from as far west as Pemberton and as far east as Hope. With such a vast geographical reach, it is nearly impossible for the BCCSL to mandate League wide closures as each region will have its own weather experience, meaning in some regions, games will be able to be played, while in others they can't be. The purpose of this guideline is to do the following:

- To establish guidance to Districts and Clubs who do not have their own cold weather policy when it comes to cancelling games when temperatures fall below freezing.
- To help establish a safe playing environment for all Districts and Clubs.

**Affected:** All sanctioned members of the BCCSL.

### Protocol:

When temperatures fall below freezing (0°C/32°F) being outdoors for an extended period of time can become unsafe. As such, when temperatures do fall below freezing, Districts and/or Clubs should follow the process.

- Districts and/or Clubs are responsible for establishing if it is safe for games to proceed in their region.
  - Is the temperature below freezing? Will it remain below freezing all day/weekend?
  - Is the field frozen? Visual inspection may be required.
  - Is it safe for opponents to travel for games?
- Due to the vast geographic reach of the BCCSL, the Home District and/or Club must determine no less than four (4) hours before kick-off if a game(s) will proceed as scheduled. Any games prior to 11:00am must be determined the night prior.
  - Where ferry travel is involved the decision must be made the night prior to the game.
- If the field is unplayable and games will not be proceeding the Home District and/or Club must do the following:
  - Reach out to the scheduled opponents via email and/or phone to inform them the game is being postponed. **Contact must be made to avoid unnecessary travel.**
  - Provide their District Administrator a list of all games, including the match number that will not be going forward.
  - District Administrators must forward the list of games that will not be played to the BCCSL General Manager and Scheduler.
- The rescheduling of postponed games will fall on the teams involved, unless no games were played then the BCCSL will determine the path forward for all involved.