



# AIR QUALITY POLICY

When suspending an outdoor contest, the following policies apply.

- A. Final decisions on when and where to play or practice should take into consideration a myriad of factors, including but not limited to, the sport and typical exertion levels of that sport, the local AQI in the preceding 3-24 hours, the AQI forecast, and weather forecast (including wind forecast).
- B. Thresholds are based on the U.S. Air Quality Index per the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy found on AirNow.

AQI Basics for Ozone and Particle Pollution

Daily AQI Color	Levels of Concern	Values of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	Good	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Yellow	Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Red	Unhealthy	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

Source: [www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics](http://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics)

- C. If the AQI is in (or projected to be in) the range designated as unhealthy for sensitive groups, 101- 150 AQI, for a prolonged period of time, notice of the air quality should be communicated to members so they can make informed decisions on participation.
- D. If air quality is in (or projected to be in) the range considered “unhealthy”, AQI 151-200, for a prolonged period of time, outdoor sports must be suspended.