



ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

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PURPOSE

Ancaster Tennis Club "ATC" takes the health and safety of its members, staff and guests seriously. This policy outlines ATC's approach to minimize risks from adverse weather events.

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the general principles:

1. Heat
2. Storms (Lightning/Thunder)
3. Air Quality

RESPONSIBILITY AND DISCRETION

All participants must exercise a duty of care to monitor their own health situation and environmental conditions when on club premises.

Ultimately, ATC can use its discretion to close services.

SCOPE & ELIGIBILITY

This Policy applies to all members, staff, coaches and guests while using the ATC courts.

HEAT POLICY

Discretion to attend programs/camps is at patron's/parent's discretion. Coaches will do their best to keep patrons safe and avoid heat and take as many breaks as possible when needed.

All Members and Guests are at their own discretion to exercise caution based on their health conditions and environmental factors.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POLICY

ATC follows the 30/30 rule for Thunder and Lightning. Staff on duty will exercise caution and follow the following:

1. When lightning is sighted or thunderclaps are 30 seconds or less apart, all outdoor/on-court activities will be suspended or moved into the Clubhouse and anyone playing on the courts will be advised to come off the court and seek shelter in the Clubhouse.
2. Once 30 minutes have passed, without the clap of Thunder or sight of Lightning, programs and play may resume outdoors.
3. Caution must be taken should the surfaces be unsafe(wet/slippy).
4. ATC at its discretion can cancel services if court surface remains unsafe.

AIR QUALITY POLICY

Discretion to allow child to attend camp is at parental discretion. Coaches will do their best to keep children safe when there are air quality warnings. The same applies to all programs involving the membership and non-member participants.

The Club will monitor Environment Canada Air Quality Warnings. Caution will be exercised when air quality is at the "high-risk level" and may suspend or move programming indoors when air quality is in the "very high risk" category.

ATC DISCRETION

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in membership suspension or expulsion from the club. The ATC Board at its sole discretion will determine the appropriate disciplinary action proportionate to the severity of violation.

ATC reserves to right to amend or delete this policy at any time at its sole and absolute discretion without notice.

ATC is committed to providing a safe environment for all its Staff, Coaches, Members and Guests.

APPROVERS	Title
ATC Board	ATC Board

Version	Date	Summary of Changes
V1.0	XXX May 2024	Initial Policy

APPENDIX “A” – Air Quality Alert Website

[Ontario - Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\) - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](#)

APPENDIX “B” – Cancellation Policy

1. Programs/Camps/Play cancelled by the Club due to inclement weather conditions, including Air Quality, will be made-up on the previously scheduled Raindates and will follow the club's policy as stated on its website. Link below:

[Programs and Lesson Policy — Ancaster Tennis Club and Rogers Tennis Dome](#)