

OVA Weather Cancellation Policy

(Section 3.7 of the Youth Competitions Manual)

If severe weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent a team from attending an event, the team must notify the appropriate Program Coordinator via email.

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Each team is responsible for assessing its own travel risk. The OVA cannot evaluate each team's travel situation. Teams are encouraged to monitor weather and road conditions before departing for an event. If a team decides to withdraw due to weather on the day before or the morning of the tournament, they may do so without penalty. This includes receiving a full refund and no risk of relegation.

- Events will generally only be cancelled if the venue permit is revoked (e.g., due to school board closures), or if multiple teams withdraw, leaving fewer than six teams remaining in the tournament.
- As long as the permit is still valid and at least six teams remain, the event is expected to proceed as planned.

Unless otherwise communicated, all events are presumed to be running. If a cancellation occurs, an update will be posted on the event's tournament page located [HERE](#). A direct message will be sent to all email addresses associated with affected team rosters once OVA staff are made aware of the cancellation.

There is no set timeframe for cancellation decisions, as they are driven by permit cancellations and withdrawing teams—both of which are outside the OVA's control.

School boards can revoke permits with little or no notice. The OVA monitors weather conditions closely and stays in contact with hosts and permit providers the day prior to the event to assess potential impacts. Cancellation risk varies significantly depending on the venue. For example: Public or Catholic school boards may be more likely to cancel permits during heavy snowfall. University venues such as Queen's University have only closed once in the past 31 years.

If an Event Is Cancelled

- Teams will receive a 100% refund and be credited as having participated.
- Teams will be awarded points based on their pre-event seed (only if it does not lower a team's average).
- Teams will be realigned upward, but not downward, after a cancelled event.
- Cancelled events will NOT be rescheduled.

If a Team Withdraws Due to Weather but the Event Continues

- Teams will receive a 100% refund and be credited as having participated.
- No points will be awarded.
- Teams will not be realigned downward; they will remain in the same tier for the next event.