

## WEATHER POLICY

School Sports NL holds many of its tournaments during the winter when weather conditions are very unpredictable. School districts have very strict policies outlining permissible travel during weather advisories/warnings. School Sports NL tournaments are generally not cancelled unless an overwhelming majority of teams cannot attend. In order to ensure all qualifying teams are provided an opportunity to compete with the safety of students in mind, the following guidelines should be followed:

- 1) The decision to cancel a provincial tournament will be made by the SSNL office in consultation with the provincial tournament convenor, taking into consideration the weather conditions, school closures and the number of affected teams. Decisions on the cancellation of regional tournaments rests with the regional director.
- 2) Provincial tournaments that have been cancelled, will only be rescheduled if a host can be found (1<sup>st</sup> option to go to the initial host) and if at least 50% of the teams can agree on a new date. A minimum of 4 teams are required to contest a provincial tournament.
- 3) Schools Ports NL will not be responsible for any expenses incurred related to cancelled tournaments. Host schools and travelling teams will be responsible for their own expenses.
- 4) In cases where a tournament is cancelled and teams have arrived at the host school, the host school is responsible to billet students as they would have if the tournament had proceeded as scheduled
- 5) If at all possible, decisions on cancellation/postponement should be made prior to any teams departure from their home community
- 6) All district policies with regard to travel in adverse weather conditions and school closures MUST be followed.