

WEATHER-RELATED PRACTICE CANCELLATIONS

Weather conditions may vary throughout the county and the call is made based on the conditions AT THE TRAINING SITE. At the beginning of the season, the coordinator should notify all the families and athletes about the inclement weather procedures.

- The Coordinator, in consultation with SOHO management, will make the decision two hours prior to the start of practice.
- The Coordinator will contact the office manager, Director and Assistant director by phone, text and/or email in order for cancellation to be posted on social media.
- The Coordinator will send out an email to all the coaches, athletes and families.
- SOHO Office Phone – The cancellation will be posted on the recording. (410-740-0500)
- Social Media – The cancellation will be posted on our web site (www.somdhc.org), on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/Special-Olympics-MD-Howard-County-768291166633058/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel), and on our Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/SOMDHoCo>).

Considerations in making the decision to cancel practices:

- The Coordinator and SOHO Management Team will monitor local weather, taking into consideration road conditions and athlete safety.
- Outdoor Practices:
 - If the heat index is 100 degrees or greater, practice is cancelled.
 - In the event of projected storms and if weather conditions are considered to be unsafe, practice will be cancelled.
 - If the wind chill drops below 10 degrees, practice is cancelled.
 - If the field is closed by HCPSS or Recreation and Parks, practice is cancelled
- Indoor Practices:
 - Practices are cancelled whenever the practice facility (e.g., HCPSS school or Recreation and Parks field) is closed due to weather.
 - Information can be found at <http://www.hcpss.org/> and <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Recreation-and-Parks> or by calling the HCR&P inclement weather number 410-313-4452.
 - Families are encouraged to sign up for Notify Howard for school and Recreation and Parks closures.