

Inclement Weather Policy

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With weather in Michigan a constant concern, here is the MIFA policy regarding inclement weather and tournament cancellation and postponement.

In case of inclement weather, each individual director and the director of the particular tournament must reach certain decisions regarding participation. In any circumstance, the directors of various speech programs at a particular school should be aware of the travel policy of the school district. In the case of inclement weather, the director of a particular speech program should reach a decision on participation in a tournament in conjunction with the appropriate school administrator. It is assumed that the various debate and individual events leagues will have an inclement weather policy that is developed by the participating schools. A league inclement weather policy should be compatible with the policies of the various school districts comprising the league membership.

For tournaments administered by the MIFA, the process to determine the conduct or cancellation of a tournament in the case of inclement weather is as follows:

The tournament will be held as scheduled unless more than forty percent of the pre-registered schools withdraw 6 or more hours prior to the time for the tournament registration because of inclement weather. Further, in the preceding circumstance, the withdrawal is to be made by the superintendent, or assistant superintendent, or principal, or assistant principal to the MIFA Executive Director and/or the director of the tournament; or The MIFA Executive Director and two members of the Forensic Council may decide to cancel or postpone a tournament because of inclement weather at any point in time prior to or during the tournament. The decision to cancel the tournament will be determined, in part, on the basis of weather advisories and State Police reports. In case of a cancellation in this time period, the Forensic Council and/or the tournament director will notify each participating director of the cancellation by email and/or cell phone. If either of the preceding conditions is in effect, an alternative tournament will be conducted.