



The Alameda SC air quality policy serves as a guide for coaches, team managers, parents, and players about unsafe playing conditions for training and matches, as it relates to air quality. We will use the national standards as established by the EPA and will utilize the website <http://www.purpleair.com/map>.

Alameda SC's Director of Coaching (DOC) will make all final decisions related to air quality and the safety of playing soccer outdoors by 3PM on the day of practices to allow families time to change schedules. Game days will be a team by team basis depending on home or away games. Alameda SC's air quality standards do not apply to away matches. Contact your opponent before your expected departure time should the local air quality be in question. Different clubs have different protocols and procedures.

ASC standards and AQI levels:

- Practices/matches will continue if the AQI is between 0-100.
- If the AQI is between 100 and 120, a decision may be made to continue with practices for the day if the conditions are such that it appears the AQI will be below 120 for the day's practices.
- If the AQI is between 100-120 practices are optional, players with environmental sensitivities may want to stay home and parents should use their discretion in deciding whether to have their player participate in these instances.
- Practices/matches will be canceled should the AQI go above 120.
- Alameda SC will notify parents/players no later than 3:00 pm, **IF PRACTICE IS CANCELED**.
- Although our intent is that no practices will take place when the AQI exceeds 120, it is possible that the AQI could rise after the 3:00 p.m. decision has been made. Parents should use their discretion in deciding whether to have their player participate in these instances.
- The club's DOC or designated BOD member will make all final decisions on session cancellations.

If the average AQI for West End Alameda field locations reaches 120 or higher (this will include the whole city when practices are happening across the island) then practices must be canceled for the safety and welfare of ASC players and coaches. No teams may practice outdoors or participate in games when this threshold level is reached.

Alameda SC currently uses the PurpleAir.com air quality monitoring website and will base decisions on the data provided. Alameda SC uses the US EPA 2.5 PM AQI data source together with 10 min averaged value [and the US EPA conversion applied](#).

Parents are encouraged to use their own best judgment when deciding what is best for the health of their players.