



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

2026 CHICAGO TOURNAMENT



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ACTIVATING MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

MINOR INJURIES

1. Minor injuries may be initially treated by coach, trainer or self.
 - a. If further assistance is needed, locate medical personnel (Event Medical Director or Event Physician) or Event Director.

INJURIES NEEDING MEDICAL PERSONNEL:

1. In an emergency situation for an athlete:
 - a. A coach or trainer will contact medical personnel (Event Medical Director or Event Physician) who will evaluate call for on-site EMS if necessary.
 - b. The Event Medical Director/Event Physician and Event Director will communicate with each other regarding any emergency situation.
2. In an emergency situation involving a coach, spectator or volunteer:
 - a. On-site EMS should be called immediately.
 - b. The Event Medical Director/Event Physician and Event Director should still be promptly notified of any emergency situation and will communicate with each other promptly as well.
3. In any emergency situation involving more than one person, medical personnel should plan an initial emphasis on rapid evaluation and triage, and activation of the Emergency Response System, if necessary.
4. Any emergency situation that exceeds the capacity or license scope of the treating personnel should prompt immediate notification of the on-site medical staff and 911 contact if necessary.

ACTIVATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Call on-site EMS (or 9-1-1)
- Provide the following information:
 - Name, address, telephone number of the caller
 - Nature of emergency (medical or non-medical)
 - Number of athletes
 - Condition of athlete(s)
 - First aid treatment initiated by the first responder
 - Other information requested by the dispatcher

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ACTIVATING MEDICAL PROTOCOLS (cont.)

CONCUSSION POLICY:

- Any athlete or team personnel involved in an incident where a concussion is suspected or showing signs/symptoms/behaviors consistent with concussion:
 - MUST be removed from play for evaluation by a medical professional with concussion experience.
 - MUST be removed from play for the rest of the weekend if concussion is confirmed or suspected.

If concussion is confirmed or suspected, the individual should be monitored until the end of the tournament and provided with written concussion care instructions to be followed at home.

Return to Play protocol in line with Move United's current policies should be directed by a medical professional. This process is a minimum of 8 days, and athletes with confirmed or suspected concussion cannot return to competition during the same tournament weekend.

INCIDENT REPORT FORMS:

In addition to following the protocols outlined above, all medical incidents that activate these procedures should be accompanied by a move united incident report form. Forms will be available at each scorer's table along with at the Medical Tent on-site.

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WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES

WEATHER-RELATED POLICIES:

Move United, and the USA Wheelchair Football League believe that in most circumstances all games should be played to their conclusion. This includes being played inclement weather, such as rain, light snow, heavy wind, etc.

If, in the opinion of appropriate League authorities in conjunction with the tournament's officials, a game is deemed to be threatened by weather or the field becomes unsafe for play due to weather, the game will be interrupted. All efforts will be made to make the field safe for play and return to regularly scheduled play as quickly as possible.

LIGHTNING POLICIES:

Throughout any outdoor tournament, the event director and league authorities will track weather conditions.

15-MILE RADIUS

Should lightning strike within a 15-mile radius of an outdoor game site, officials, coaches and captains will be notified via text alert to be prepared for potential game interruption.

10-MILE RADIUS

Should lightning strike within a 10-mile radius of an outdoor field site, game play will cease immediately. All officials, team personnel, and fans must exit the field area immediately and shelter in a safe space, such as indoor gym or cars. This alert will be sent via text alert as well as league authorities personally alerting each head coach and white hat official.

A lightning delay will be 30 minutes and the 30 minute clock will re-set each time a lightning strike occurs within the 10-mile radius of the outdoor field site.

TORNADO POLICIES:

Event directors and league authorities will track weather conditions. Should a tornado watch or warning occur, Move United staff will begin to strike tents and other field-related items early in order to prevent potential injuries should the weather-related incident occur.

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WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES (cont.)

TORNADO WATCH

Tornado Watch indicates tornadoes are possible. Officials and team personnel will be notified via text alert to be prepared for potential game interruption. Alert will include direction and speed of storm.

TORNADO WARNING

Game play will cease immediately. All officials, team personnel, and fans must exit the field area immediately and shelter in a safe space. Safe shelter from a tornado: inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with window closed. If outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands or stay in car with seatbelt on.

Once inside a secure location, tune to local media or weather alert radio to be informed of storm location, path and duration of warning.

A tornado warning will remain in place until specified by the National Weather Service that it has expired.

HEAT POLICIES:

Throughout any outdoor tournament, the event director and league authorities will track heat conditions using a digital sling psychrometer or WeatherSentry.

Readings should be taken by the lead medical personnel 1 hour prior to competition and every 1-2 hours when ambient temperatures exceed 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

If heat levels reach about 78 degrees Fahrenheit, event directors will ensure athletes get a minimum of 15 minutes of break for every hour played in direct sunlight. In addition, event directors will provide more access to shade, ice, water and other supplies to ensure players and team personnel have everything they need to safely cool down.

If ambient temperatures reaches 90 degrees Fahrenheit after the 10:00 AM games, teams may request to have an extra 5 minutes during half time to cool down, hydrate, etc.

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WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES (cont.)

RETURN TO PLAY:

Once weather has cleared the area, or the field has been made safe for play, teams will be provided 5 minutes for warm up before resuming game play.

If an alternate indoor venue is available, event directors will work to shift play to the indoor venue as quickly as possible. Outdoor play will resume when deemed safe and appropriate based on the policies above.

If an alternate indoor venue is not available and weather prevents teams from returning to play in a timely manner, event directors in conjunction with league authorities, will work to adjust the tournament schedule in whatever manner they deem appropriate. If, in the league's opinion, it is reasonable to project that the resumption of an interrupted game would not change its ultimate result or adversely affect any other inter-team competitive issues, the league is empowered to terminate the game.

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OTHER EMERGENCIES

ACTIVATING EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS:

In the event of a non-medical or weather-related emergency, such as a fire, active shooter, ICE/police detention raid, or venue issue, event directors will immediately send out a text alert to officials and team personnel to be alerted about the incident and any procedures they must follow.

In such incidents, event directors will follow the lead of venue managers and/or local authorities in terms of length of delay and when/if games can be resumed.

In the event that ICE/police arrive onsite, remember that everyone has the following rights: Right to remain silent, Right to privacy, Right to counsel, and Right to record. While these rights protect everyone it is not recommended to interfere with agents' actions or obstruct their movement in any way. All attendees should stay calm and allow event staff to follow internal protocol and keep people safe. Should it be necessary, the phone number for the American Bar Association is 202.442.3363.

All attendees should continue to follow emergency protocols as outlined in the text alert system until they are notified that protocols have been withdrawn by event directors.

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EMERGENCY ALERTS & TOURNAMENT UPDATES

OPTING IN:

The text alert system referenced throughout this document should be opted into by all officials, coaches, captains and any other required event personnel. To opt in, users can scan the QR code below or text 'Subscribe' to 720.780.0586.

Move United will also ensure that all spectators, volunteers, etc. are made well aware of any emergency-related issues and how to follow proper protocols.

