

OV Toros Air Quality Policy

The health and safety of our youth players is our primary concern. It is our intent to promote soccer as an activity to improve the quality of health in the lives of the children at OV Toros FC (Club).

Should there be a concern for the area's air quality, the Club will reference the Air Quality Index (AQI), as defined below, ideally 90 minutes prior to the earliest training session of the day. There may be times when the air quality changes dramatically, and we may be required to make a last-minute adjustment.

The preferred site to monitor the air quality will be Purple Air (<https://www.purpleair.com>). Having everyone referencing a consistent site will ensure that Coaches and Parents have access to the same information. If the air quality has impacted the training schedule, **Team Snap** will be utilized to alert the membership.

Please note, AQI is measured in two ways: Ozone and Particulate Matter. Either score in an elevated range can be cause for action. Based upon then-current conditions for your team, practice activities will be based according to the following:

- 1) Ozone and Particulate Matter 0 – 50 AQI – ***no practice restrictions***

0-50: Air Quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.

- 2) Ozone or Particulate Matter 51 - 100 AQI - ***no practice restrictions***

51-100: Air quality is acceptable; however, if they are exposed for 24 hours there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are usually sensitive to air pollution.

- 3) Ozone or Particulate Matter 101 - 150 AQI - ***coaches will tailor practice to current condition***

101-150: Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects if they are exposed for 24 hours. The general public is not likely to be affected.

- 4) Ozone or Particulate Matter 151 - 200 AQI – ***no outdoor practice***

151-200: Everyone may begin to experience health effects if they are exposed for 24 hours; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.

The final decision is at the discretion of the Club, which could consider other factors such as smoke and current conditions in the local practice or playing environment. Thank you in advance for your adherence to this policy.