

NW Flyers Policy Regarding Weather Cancellation

Track & field practices and competitions are usually conducted on an "all-weather" surface with drainage. If there is bad weather that day, as a guide practices and competitions will go on as scheduled if there is a "break" in the weather since the surface is always usable (unlike a soccer field or baseball field).

For team practice, we will practice if - a) it is not raining at the start time and b) it looks like the rain will hold off for at least the first 1 hour of the session. **If it is lightning or heavy rain at start time we will cancel and resume on the next scheduled date.** As everyone who lives in Houston knows – it could be raining at your home or job and not raining at another area location like the high school track. **If the weather looks really bad the coaches will make an official decision to cancel approximately 30 – 60 minutes before practice start time and send a Twitter message (“tweet”) to everyone registered for the text message service (see below).**

For track meets, the competitions will generally continue as scheduled unless there is lightning or heavy rain. The **host team's meet director** will decide to cancel or delay the meet if the weather turns worse during the event. For championship meets however, most will continue in adverse weather conditions regardless, except for lightning. **We will use Twitter to notify of rain delays / cancellations as soon as that information becomes available to the Directors.**

Twitter for Emergency Notifications

The NW Flyers use Twitter for team emergency notifications. With Twitter, the team can send an instant message communication to your SMS text device - email, cell phone or pager. We use this service to deliver urgent / late breaking news like "the track meet was canceled" or "practice has moved to site B because of flooding".

We are asking you as a parent / supporter to set up your Twitter access to NW Flyers as soon as possible and have the messages forwarded to your cell phone as a text.

Each user of the service must set up an account. **The service is fast, delivery is near 100% guaranteed, and it is free (standard text message fees apply). If you have an unlimited text message plan on your phone then the message is free too.** Please follow the user guide / instructions posted on the team website (click “Documents” menu), see link below.

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