



# SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COEDUCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## Air Quality Guidelines for Major Carnivals and One Day Events

- Title:** Safe Levels of Fine Particle Matter (PM2.5) units for SACCSS Sporting Competitions.
- Preamble:** Sports Association of Catholic Co-educational Secondary Schools (SACCSS) has 15 member colleges that are located across the North Western suburbs of Melbourne. The member colleges compete in a variety of Indoor and Outdoor Sports in a one day format across the year.
- Aim:** The Air Quality Guidelines referring to the Air Quality Index (AQI) are to provide recommendations for safe play for your member students. All children including teenagers are considered 'Sensitive Individuals' in relating to the AQI.
- Guidelines:** In the case of Major Carnivals and One Day tournaments the SACCSS Executive Officers are responsible for monitoring the Air Quality Index (AQI) on the day of competition for the location that the scheduled sport is to be played. The AQI is to be taken from the following website.  
<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch>  
Good: (0-50 PM 2.5)  
Moderate: (51-100 PM 2.5)  
Poor: (101 – 150 PM 2.5) Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups  
Very Poor: (151-200 PM 2.5)  
Hazardous: (201-300 PM 2.5)
- Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of SACCSS that when the AQI reading is 100 PM 2.5 (poor) or above 2 hours from the commencement of day's event - it will be cancelled with the view of rescheduling to another time if possible. All Sports (indoor and outdoor)
- If the AQI is below 100 PM 2.5, 2 hours prior to the beginning of the days events the matches begin, but the AQI rises to Poor (+100 PM2.5) while in play, the event will be suspended for 30 minutes. If the reading is still Poor (+100PM 2.5) 30 minutes later then the day will be cancelled.