



# **MATCHES, TRAINING, AND EVENT CANCELLATIONS POLICY**

Cancellations are always a final resort and must be considered in accordance with this policy. It is in both the committee's and members interest to know about any cancellation at the earliest time possible to prevent inconvenience.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS will be kept up to date on the website:

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**The safety of club members must remain at the forefront of all cancellation considerations.**

### 1. Cancellation Times

The status of play will be updated on the club's website no later than 10 am for any afternoon activities and by 7 am for morning activities. If the ground is not cancelled beforehand at these times, players are to attend.

### 2. Responsibilities

- a. **Committee:** It will be up to an Official Referee and an appointed team official, or in their absence a member of the Committee, in order of President, Secretary or Treasurer, or a committee appointed Team Manager to declare the ground unfit for play should weather or ground conditions deteriorate or be in a significantly changed state from the time of the original declaration of ground/activity status.  
PLATFORMS: Website - Members Announcements
- b. **Coaches:** It is the coaches' responsibility to notify the committee if they cannot attend a scheduled match/training/event, at least 24 hours before the scheduled commencement time, by message or phone call. For emergency cancellations in less than 24 hours, coaches should call a committee member to notify them.
- c. **Club members:** The member's responsibility is to check for cancellation times as stated in section 1. Any questions/queries should be directed to the committee via the website or, for emergencies, by phone.

### 3. EVENTS

The committee may organise other ad-hoc events throughout the year. These events should consider the same points before cancelling events and should consider the same risks and factors to ensure cancellations occur where appropriate.

#### 4. MATCHES

- a. **Field of Play:** If ground markings are not visible or cannot be made visible with cones, or if the goal sizes are incorrect, or if nets have not been provided, or if match officials are not present and there are no volunteers to referee the game or you are uncomfortable with who has volunteered, then you should cancel the match. Otherwise, matches should go ahead as planned.
- b. **Weather:** If bad weather is forecast or if bad weather occurs during the match, then you should cancel the match. If the match is indoors but travelling to the game is considered dangerous, then you should cancel the match. Otherwise, matches should go ahead as planned. Definition of bad weather: heavy rain, thunderstorms, very high UV, very high temperatures, or heavy fog.
- c. **Lighting:** When natural light is not sufficient and floodlights are either nonoperating or insufficient, then you should cancel the match. Otherwise, matches should go ahead as planned.
- d. **Playing Surface Policy:** Carry out a risk assessment before each match. Should the risk assessment return anything other than a LOW status, then you should cancel the match. Otherwise, matches should go ahead as planned.

See 'Playing Surface Policy' to carry out the necessary assessment.

#### 5. TRAINING

- a. **Field of Play:** If training equipment is deemed unsafe, then you should cancel training. Otherwise, training should go ahead as planned.
- b. **Weather:** If bad weather is forecast or if bad weather occurs during training, then you should cancel training. Otherwise, training should go ahead as planned. Definition of bad weather: heavy rain, thunderstorms, very high UV, very high temperatures, or heavy fog.
- c. **Lighting:** When natural light is not sufficient and floodlights are either nonoperating or insufficient, then you should cancel training.
- d. **Playing Surface Policy:** Carry out a risk assessment before each training session. Should the risk assessment return anything other than a LOW status, then you should cancel training.

See 'Playing Surface Policy' to carry out the necessary assessment.