



Wet Weather Policy

As with any outdoor sport, weather is always an issue. The tradition of Rugby is that they play and train – rain, hail or shine. Generally unless the fields are unplayable or at risk of damage or there is lightning, training and games will go ahead.

If training or games are cancelled, the club endeavours to update the website as quickly as possible.

Friday Night Training: The call to cancel will be made by 4pm, if training is to be cancelled. If it is inclement weather, teams are welcome to make their own decision regarding training but bear in mind that this impacts on team preparedness for games. With the new roof and portable heaters there is protection for spectators at the clubhouse. Unless training is cancelled the BBQ always goes ahead and if you are rostered to do BBQ it is your responsibility to show up. If your team decides not to train on a training night, please let the registrar know.

Game day: If games are cancelled at our grounds the Vice President in charge of the day will make a call by 7am. The website will be updated and teams starting from the youngest and therefore the first games of the day will be notified. Generally teams travelling the furthest get the most notice. Unfortunately we are at the mercy of when other clubs cancel to get information out – they usually update their own websites before they contact the clubs.

The rule of thumb is if there is no notice on the website and you haven't heard from your manager then training and games are going ahead.

The rule of the BJRU (see attached policy) regarding weather is, if games or training are cancelled (e.g. major electrical storms over Brisbane on Friday nights) notice will be posted on the BJRU site BEFORE 4.00 pm on Fridays and as soon as possible on weekends.

It is the responsibility of individuals to check the Kenmore site and the BJRU site for game changes and cancellations. Whilst every effort is made to contact team managers and coaches, occasionally the message doesn't reach people in time.

BJRU Stated policy - 3.1 GAME CHANGES & WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

1.1 6.3 Postponed Matches, Wet Weather Procedure & abandoned matches

This section includes procedures for changes to scheduled matches, field unavailability, postponed matches, mutually agreed alternate arrangements, match cancellations, wet weather, and abandoned matches.

6.3.1 Changes to Scheduled Matches

The Committee reserves the right to ALTER THE TIME, DATE AND VENUE of any match due to circumstances beyond its control, i.e. wet weather, or for a special purpose, i.e. - selection trials, special promotion, etc and may, where it sees fit, cancel all matches on a particular date, and make such direction as to alternative arrangements as it sees fit including:

- (i) Playing for double points in the next round, or
- (ii) Playing on a different date, or
- (iii) Removal of matches from the competition, or
- (iv) Declaration of all matches as draws, and
- (v) Different arrangements may be made for each age group and division.

6.3.2 Field Unavailability

In the event that a venue of a match is unavailable for any reason, it is the responsibility of the "Home" Club to advise the Competition Manager (or if unavailable a Member of the MC) immediately the field becomes unavailable or unplayable. The Competition Manager in consultation with the Clubs involved will direct that:

- (i) The match or matches be played at a suitable alternate venue (one option be the visiting Clubs home ground), or
- (ii) The match or matches be postponed and that the "Home" Club is to immediately inform the opposition Club.

6.3.3 Postponed Match/s

If a match is postponed, because of the state of the ground, then the following applies:

- (i) The Clubs may mutually agree to play at another time; or elect to play for double points in the next round; or declare it a nil all draw; and
- (ii) Clubs have 7 Days to inform the Competition Manager or the match will be declared a nil all draw; or
- (iii) The MC may direct when it is to be played, including the option of a weekday night match.

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