

SUNSHINE COAST FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES

APPENDIX J

WET WEATHER POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION POLICY

Set out below is the policy regarding postponements in **extreme weather and field conditions**:

1. Each club is to appoint its own Grounds Person and one other person as an alternative in the event that the club's preferred Grounds Person is unavailable.
2. The names and contact numbers of these two people are to be advised to the SCF Office prior to the commencement of fixtures each season via the Club Affiliation Pack.
3. The appointed Grounds Person of each club shall have sole discretion as to whether junior/senior fixtures should be played on their club's grounds after consideration of the condition of the field playing surfaces and safety of players.
4. The Grounds Person must make the decision to postpone any **night fixtures - inclusive Monday to Friday** as follows:

**Night Fixtures (Monday - Friday) - no later than 4.30pm on the day of play
(deadline falls within SCF business hours)**

(Advise SCF office by phone – 5456 2727 AND email football@sunshinecoastfootball.com.au)

5. In the case of **Saturday or Sunday Fixtures** the Grounds Person should consider his/her decision in two parts depending on weather and ground conditions:

Morning Fixtures – prior to 7.00am – absolutely no earlier than 6.30am

Afternoon and Evening Fixtures – prior to 12.00 Noon (no later)

6. Postponements will be published on the SCF website once advice has been received from the Club Grounds Person (as determined by following steps 4 & 5). A text will then be sent to the nominated club official as per the affiliation pack.
7. Should the club's decision be to continue with play after the above cut off times, the appointed referee will, under the laws of the game, have discretion to call off games if he/she considers the conditions unsafe for players.
8. Washed out matches will be re-scheduled as per SCF Competition Rules.

The SCF website address should be widely publicised at your club and all club members made aware of the importance of checking the website before leaving for matches if weather conditions mean games are in doubt.

NB: The website is updated as soon as possible however there can be up to a 15 minute lag between admin publishing and website updating.

Sunshine Coast Football website for wet weather cancellations: www.sunshinecoastfootball.com.au

Please note NPL and FQPL wet weather / ground closures are not advised on the SCF website