

**WAGGA WAGGA & DISTRICT AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION Inc**.

**FOOTBALL WAGGA WAGGA**

Policy Number FWW-POL-003

Wet Weather and Extreme Heat Policy

Version 1.1

**Objectives**

The objective of this policy is to clearly state the procedure to be adopted to determine whether games are to be played in the event of wet weather.

Additionally, the policy is to provide a clear pathway to notifying coaches, players and the general football community when Football Wagga Wagga organised events (eg Representative, SAP and Pathways Training, Gala Days) are postponed or cancelled in the event of extreme heat.

**Procedure – Wet Weather**

*Small Sided Football (Duke of Kent)*

1. If Wagga Wagga City Council have closed Duke of Kent, all Small Sided Games (both in town and out of town) will be cancelled. Check the Wagga Wagga City Council website for updates
2. If Duke of Kent is not closed, all games are on. It is at the discretion of players/parents to decide whether to play or not.
3. In the event that the ground closure occurs on a ground outside of Wagga, those games will cancelled and not re-scheduled.

*Junior and Senior Football (u12 to All Age)*

1. If Wagga Wagga City Council have closed a ground scheduled to be used for game, Football Wagga Wagga undertake the following:
   1. If the ground closure is notified prior 5pm of the Friday of the round of play, an alternative venue will be identified. An update will be placed on the Football Wagga Wagga website.
   2. If the ground closure is notified after 5pm of the Friday before the round of play, or if an alternative venue can not be found, Football Wagga Wagga will reschedule the game.
2. In the event that the ground closure occurs on a ground outside of Wagga, those games will re-scheduled to be played at a later date.
3. If a ground is not closed by Football Wagga Wagga, and in the event of inclement weather, the referee will make the final decision no later than 15 minutes prior to kick-off as to whether the game will be played. This decision will be based on player safety and the ability to play football in the conditions. The referee’s decision is final. Cancelled games will be rescheduled.

*FWW Training (Pathways, SAP or Representative)*

1. If Wagga Wagga City Council have closed Gissing Oval (or Rawlings Park), all training will be cancelled.
2. The Event Coordinator will make a determination by 12pm of the day of training as to whether the event will go ahead in the case of extreme heat or wet weather. This will be:
   1. Pathways Training – FWW’s HPCC Head Coach or delegate
   2. SAP – FWW’s HPCC Head Coach or delegate
   3. Representative training – The respective coach, in consultation with FWW’s HPCC Head Coach
3. An e-mail is to be sent to all registered participants notifying them of the cancellation of training.
4. The FWW Website Administrator is to be notified and a notice placed on the website.

**Notification Methods**

FWW will provide notification of game and training status on its website and via Facebook. The website will be updated as follows:

1. At 5pm Wednesday, match status will be updated on the FWW website. Where rain is forecast before Saturday, or where WWCC have close a ground, the status will be set to ‘Standby’
2. At 5pm Friday, the final match status will be updated on the website.
3. By 12pm on the day of training (for FWW training programs)

**Procedure – Extreme Heat**

1. The Event Coordinator will make a determination as early as possible as to whether the event will go ahead in the case of extreme heat. This will be:
   1. Pathways and Representative Training – FWW’s CDM or delegate
   2. SAP – FWW’s CDM or delegate
   3. Junior Gala Days – FWW Junior VP or delegate
   4. Other Events – Relevant Event Coordinator or the FWW Vice President
2. FWW will place a notification on its Website as soon as the event is postponed or cancelled
3. The Event Coordinator will be responsible for contacting coaches.
4. Coaches will be responsible for contacting parents

The Event Coordinator may choose to cancel the event after it has commenced, if they deem it unsafe to continue due to extreme heat.

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**HOT WEATHER POLICY**

**APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS, ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL (but excluding the Football NSW Premier League competition where a separate policy applies)**

With higher temperatures now occurring more frequently consideration must be given to the effects of heat and humidity on elite and amateur athletes and particularly children involved in football activities.

Football NSW has considered several factors in the development of this policy including the ongoing popularity of summer football and an increase in the temperatures leading into the winter season. The following is provided in accordance with information provided by Sports Medicine Australia.

**RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURES FOR CANCELLATION OF GAMES & TRAINING and other events including trial games, selection trials, clinics or any physical activities**

**ADULTS**

Cancel or postpone events involving **Adults** at a temperature of **37°**

**CHILDREN**

Cancel or postpone events involving **Children** at a temperature of **32°**

**CAUTION**

These are the maximum cancellation temperatures. Cancellation of games, training or events at lower temperatures may be necessary depending on local conditions and player wellbeing and acclimatisation.

For the purpose of this policy a child is a person aged up to and including 16 years of age.

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