

TO: ALL CLUBS

FROM: FFV COMPETITIONS

DATE: FRIDAY 22 June 2018

SUBJECT: COMPEITONS WEEKEND LINE, CLUB HANDBOOK & POSTPONING FIXTURES

Dear Clubs,

FFV Community Competitions experienced unprecedented inclement weather over last weekend that resulted in over 400 washed out fixtures. We wish to remind clubs the process to follow if faced with unplayable conditions as per the [Rules of Competition](#).

Clubs should ensure that the [2018 Club Handbook](#) is provided to all Coaches and Team Managers; designed to provide club volunteers the answers to frequently asked match day questions and other competitions related information. The Club Handbook can be downloaded by visiting ffv.org.au under 'Competitions', 'Club HQ' and then clicking the '2018 Club Handbook' banner. Alternatively, please [click here](#).

A member of the FFV Competitions team is contactable each weekend via the Competitions Weekend Line on 0478 456 777 should you have any queries not covered in the Club Handbook or relevant [Rules of Competition](#). Please note that the Competitions Weekend Line is not for the purposes of lodging match results, player/MyFootballClub registration queries or player suspension queries.

Frequently Asked Questions

We have inspected our venue and don't believe the ground will be playable this weekend?

Clubs are required to send a photo of the venue conditions to competitions@ffv.org.au. The Competitions department will assess whether games need to be moved to an alternate venue or abandoned prior to the weekend. This decision is at the sole discretion of FFV and will be communicated to the effected clubs by the Competitions department.

Our local council has closed our venue due to pitch conditions/safety concerns. What do we do?

Clubs need to send written confirmation from the Council to compeititons@ffv.org.au. The Competitions department will action the necessary changes and send communication to effected clubs.

We have turned up to our fixture and believe the ground is not safe. Should we still play?

FFV encourage clubs and referees to play where possible, however if conditions are unsafe;

- Bring your concerns to the attention of the referee. The referee can address them with the home club prior to kick off and determine whether conditions are safe for play.
- If a referee is not appointed/present, address the issues with the home club prior to kick off.
- If the issues cannot be resolved, please take photo evidence of playing conditions and report to FFV Competitions immediately via competitions@ffv.org.au and contact 0478 456 777. FFV Competitions will advise and send out the necessary communications.

It's been raining most of the day. Will we still be scheduled to play?

If your club has not received an email or phone call from FFV, the match is still scheduled to proceed and players/coaches are expected to attend the fixture. It is the role of the appointed referee to determine if the pitch is playable during their pre-match inspection. If the referee deems the pitch unplayable, they will notify both teams and communicate this to FFV via an Incident Report.

We have received a call from the opposition Club advising our game is washed out. Is this true?

Clubs do not have the authority to deem a fixture as 'washed out'. Clubs must contact the FFV Competitions Weekend Line 0478 456 777. FFV will then determine if the fixture is to be abandoned and contact respective clubs ASAP.

No official FFV referee has arrived at our game, what do we do?

- The next most senior Match Official (eg. Assistant Referee) will take charge of the fixture.
- If no registered Match Official is present to act as the 'Replacement' 10 minutes prior to the fixture, both clubs should agree on a '*Replacement*' referee.

A 'Replacement Referee' can be a parent or club official that knows the relevant Rules and Laws of the Game. For further information go to page 20-21 for Club Referee Guide ([Click here](#)).

- If, by the scheduled kick off time, no agreement on a 'Replacement' referee can be reached, the Home Club must appoint a person to act as Match Official for the fixture.
- If any match does not kick off within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick off time due to the absence of a Match Official, the home team will forfeit the fixture.
- All Clubs must fulfil all fixtures, regardless of whether a Match Official is present to take charge. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

If at any stage you require any clarification of the following, please ensure you contact the Competitions Department on 9474 1800 (Press 1 for Competitions) or email competitions@ffv.org.au

Regards,

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