

Wet Weather Procedure

It is assumed that fields are OPEN unless notification is specifically given by club, council, FFNC or Referee that they have been closed. Play should not proceed if lightning exists in the immediate vicinity of the ground. The Referee has the primary authority in such instances to make this judgement.

Fields CLOSED cannot be re-opened on the same day without express approval of FFNC. This includes postponing junior fixtures in preference to senior fixtures.

Fixtures CANNOT be moved to another location (or field) without specific approval from FFNC.

PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF FIELD CLOSURE

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

- **BEFORE 1:00pm** (for fixtures scheduled for that day)
Clubs **MUST** phone **0434 856 992** or email operations@ffnc.net.au if home ground is closed

FRIDAY

- **BEFORE 1:00pm** (for Friday night and weekend fixtures)
Clubs **MUST** phone **0434 856 992** or email operations@ffnc.net.au if home ground is closed
Football Far North Coast will advise all visiting teams, match officials, and the media, as well as updating information on our website at www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au (where possible)

- **AFTER 1:00pm FRIDAY** (for FRIDAY night)

- **AFTER 1:00pm** (for midweek fixtures to be played that night)
If the HOME club (or controlling Body such as local council) ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 1:00pm, the home club will be required to contact the following parties to advise that fields/grounds are closed:

1. ALL visiting (opposition) clubs **immediately by telephone. Refer to the 'Club Contacts' document available under Forms and Documents on the website**
2. Contact the FFNC Referees mobile – 0434 856 992.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

If the home club's ground is deemed unsuitable for play after 1:00pm FRIDAY, the HOME CLUB will be responsible for advice to all opposition teams and to the FFNC Referees mobile.

FITNESS OF GROUNDS

Refer "Fitness of Grounds" (Competitions Regulations and Procedures (9.e))
We do NOT need to know if a field is doubtful, **ONLY** when it is **closed**.

LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT TO MATCH OFFICIALS

The HOME club will be liable for the FULL cost of appointed match officials if insufficient notification of a postponement is given. FFNC will issue an invoice in such circumstances.

NEUTRAL VENUES

Where a fixture is scheduled at a neutral venue (i.e. neither team is at its own HOME venue) the host club shall contact the FFNC Referees mobile on 0434 856 992. Clubs affected will be advised of ground closure by FFNC.