

Ipswich Football Club Wet Weather Policy



Summary

This policy has been established to ensure the safety of all members in the event of wet weather. The primary objective is to minimise the risk of illnesses or injuries caused by weather conditions.

Supporting Documentation

- Procedure - Wet Weather (PRO-015)
- Football Qld – Heat Policy
- Football Qld – Lightning Policy

Wet Weather

The below outlines the procedures to be followed when determining whether the grounds should be closed due to wet weather or the potential for damage that might arise if they are used during wet weather. The priority for closing the fields is to ensure player safety, followed by protecting the playing surface.

As a guide, if the playing surface demonstrates any of the following characteristics:

- surface water present.
- water rises to the surface when walking across the surface.
- the surface is slippery to walk on, or the grass surface is dislodged easily.

Factors to be taken into consideration include but not limited to:

- the potential to cause player injury.
- the potential for damage to the surface.
- the importance of the fixture/event.
- the timing of the fixture/event.

The fields can be closed by:

- Ipswich City Council
- Ipswich FC Board
- General Manager of Football

Failure to comply with the wet weather procedure may result in players or coaches being suspended.

Who do I contact?

The Ipswich FC Facebook page will provide updates.

Parents and players are requested to contact their team managers or coaches for confirmation. Due to the high number of teams and players please DO NOT contact the club or Council as this will only tie up the resources and delay the Club notifying staff, volunteers and or Football Queensland.

We will try to provide as much notice as possible, but please remember we cannot predict weather or field evaporation rates. We try to leave the inspections as late as possible to allow training or matches to continue.

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Training Days

When will we be notified?

- The Fields are assessed at 3:30 pm and members will be notified as soon as practically possible.

How will we be notified?

- The club will notify members via the Ipswich FC Facebook page.
- FQA Players using the Stack app will also be notified via the app.

Home Matches

When will we be notified?

- A member/s of the Football Department will assess the fields 3.5 hours before the first scheduled kick-off of the day.
- The club tries to leave the inspection as close to kick-off as possible to allow the fields to dry out. Please remember we cannot predict the weather or evaporation rates of the field.

How will we be notified?

- The club will notify members via the Ipswich FC Facebook page.
- Football Qld will update Squadi which will send a notification.

Away Matches

When will we be notified?

- The clubs have until 3 hours before kick-off to notify Football Qld.

How will we be notified?

- Football Qld will update Squadi which will send a notification.

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