

# Bad Weather Cancellation Policy

**Policy Statement:** Football events organised by Arthur Griffith Park FC may be cancelled or postponed in the event of adverse weather conditions to ensure the safety and well-being of participants, spectators, and staff.

Reason for Policy:

1. **Safety Concerns:** The primary reason for cancelling or postponing football events during bad weather is the safety of all involved parties. Adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, lightning, strong winds, or extreme cold, can pose significant risks to players, officials, and spectators. Slippery fields, reduced visibility, and unstable conditions can lead to accidents and injuries.
2. **Preservation of Facilities:** Playing football on waterlogged or frozen fields can result in severe damage to the playing surface. This not only affects the immediate safety of participants but also requires costly repairs and maintenance, potentially delaying future events.
3. **Equity and Fair Play:** Cancelling or postponing games due to bad weather ensures fairness and equal opportunities for all teams and players. Playing under extreme weather conditions can create an unfair advantage or disadvantage, affecting the integrity of the competition.
4. **Parents & Guardians:** For spectators, attending football matches in extreme weather conditions can be uncomfortable and unsafe. It is essential to consider the experience of spectators and their safety when making decisions regarding event cancellations.

**Cancellation Process:** The decision to cancel or postpone a football event due to bad weather will be made by the chairman of the club. This decision will be communicated promptly to all relevant parties, including teams, officials, and spectators, through appropriate channels (e.g., website, social media, email, text messages).

**Rescheduling & Refunds:** In the event of a cancellation, Arthur Griffith Park FC will make every effort to reschedule the event at a later date, taking into consideration

the availability of teams, officials, and facilities. In some cases this may not be possible. In the unlikely event of a full term being cancelled, full refunds will be provided. Partial refunds can not be issued.

By adhering to this policy, Arthur Griffith Park FC aims to prioritise safety, fairness, and the overall quality of football events for everyone involved.