

WET WEATHER POLICY

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WET WEATHER CLOSURE

It is the Grounds' Manager (GM)'s decision to close a ground to training or games. This decision will depend upon:

- Whether the relevant council has closed the ground; and
- Even if the council has not closed the ground, whether or not, in the opinion of GM, using the ground is hazardous and/ or will result in long term damage to the ground in question.
- Where GM is of the opinion that a ground which has not been closed by council, should be closed to the club, GM is to have that decision endorsed by the Club's President, or if uncontactable, the Club's Vice President, prior to advising the club.

PROCESS

As the three councils we deal with have different closure practices the MHJFC policy will have to be modified to accommodate the practice of each council

Centennial Parklands (covering Centennial Park and Queens Park)

- Centennial Parklands update their Wet Weather Line each morning by around 8am. GM is to check every Tuesday morning and advise MHJFC by no later than noon if the QP has been closed for Tuesday training.
- If QP has not closed the ground GM must make the call by noon.
- Weekend closures are not a MHJFC issue as this is not our ground on the weekend. Members should check the ESFA Wet Weather Line.

Waverley Council (Baracluff, Hugh Bamford, Rodney Reserve, Waverley Park)

Waverley Council has no wet weather line, very rarely closes any grounds and the decision to close therefore vests solely with GM. Policy as follows:

Weekday training: GM to advise MHJFC by no later than 2.00pm
Weekend games: GM to advise ESFA and MHJFC by no later than 7.30am on day of the game.
Members should check the ESFA website from 7.30am onwards (for all ESFA closures)

Woollahra Council (Christison Park, Lough Park, Lyne Park)

Woollahra Council's wet weather line is updated at around 2pm daily, including Friday for the weekend. As the GM might close grounds after this time due to deterioration in the weather, members should not rely solely on the council's wet weather line.

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DECISION TO BE BINDING

All players, parents, coaches and managers are to accept and respect the club's decision regarding ground closure.

SUMMARY

CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS TRUST (QP, Centennial)

Tuesday training: GM to advise club by noon
Weekend Games: Members to check ESFA Wet Weather Line (not our call)

WAVERLEY GROUNDS (Baracluff, Hugh Bamford, Rodney Reserve)

Mid week Training: GM to advise club by 2.00pm
Saturday Games: GM to advise club/ESFA by 7.30am on match day

WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL (Christison Park, Lyne Park, Lough Park)

Mid week Training: GM to advise club by 2.00pm
Sunday Games: GM to advise Club/ESFA by 7.30am on match day