






LEICESTERSHIRE W&G LEAGUE

# BAD WEATHER

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. If severe weather warnings are issued, we (LWGFL) will apply a consistent approach to managing fixtures as follows:
  -  **Yellow warning** – League advises caution, but clubs/refs make the call.
  -  **Amber warning** – League will review and cancel all development games (U8-U11). Youth games (U12-U18) League advises caution, but clubs/refs make the call.
  -  **Red warning** – League will review and cancel all games.
2. Postponements due to an unplayable pitch (waterlogged, frozen etc.) should be based on the outcome of a pitch inspection on the day of the fixture.

The pitch inspection should cover the safety of:

  - a) All areas of the pitch. Even if a small area of the pitch is unsafe, it should not be used.
  - b) Access to the pitch.
  - c) Conditions on and around the pitch which may compromise the safety of players, substitutes, coaches and/or spectators (considering the age of the players).
3. Early postponements (i.e., before the day of the fixture) citing an unsafe/unplayable pitch will only be considered by LWGFL when:
  - a) The decision has been made by a third party (e.g., a local authority).
  - b) Clear supporting evidence is provided demonstrating how the pitch has been determined as unplayable/unsafe in advance of the fixture date.
  - c) When all options to keep the game on have been exhausted.
4. If possible, the match should be played on another suitable and playable pitch provided by the home team (any change to the kick off time must be agreed by both sides).

5. If the home teams pitch is unplayable, and no alternative is available, then where possible (and the away team can provide a safe/playable pitch) the fixture should be reversed.
6. If both options of an alternative pitch and fixture reversal are not possible, then the match should be postponed by submitting a postponement form via the LWGL website.
7. Any postponement or agreed changes to the fixture should be confirmed by the home club (in a clear and timely manner) to both teams, any appointed match official, and notified to the LWGFL.
8. Unless a Full-Time email confirmation of the postponement is received in advance of the scheduled match time, the result submission for both teams must still be submitted as P-P.
9. When adverse weather is forecast and/or the home pitch conditions for a fixture are uncertain, this should be communicated by the home team within the match confirmation (sent to the away team at least 5 days prior to the fixture).
10. When responding to a home team match confirmation that indicates uncertainty around pitch/playing conditions, the away team should notify the home team:
  - a) What time away coaches and players/parents will need to leave to travel to the match.
  - b) If a fixture reversal is possible/can be accommodated if necessary.
11. The home team should complete a pitch inspection early enough to notify the away team of any postponement prior to coaches and players/parents travelling to the match.
12. If the home teams pitch is inspected and confirmed as safe for play, the match will go ahead as scheduled. If the away team does not travel to the game this may be recorded as a late postponement against the away team. Likewise, if a fixture reversal is offered by the away team, but the home team does not travel this may be recorded as a late postponement against the home team. Exceptions to the above will be considered on a case-by-case basis where supporting evidence of unsafe travel conditions (or similar) can be provided to LWGFL.
13. Communication and teamwork is key. Both sides should communicate and work together positively to try and keep fixtures on wherever possible. Likewise, if conditions change last minute, or during play, both sides should work proactively to agree decisions in the best interests of player, coach, and spectator safety.

