



# Northern Inland Football - Wet Weather Procedure

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## **1 Tamworth Competition**

1.1.1.1 In all instances where inclement weather or other incidentals preceding a fixture raise fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules shall apply:

1.1.1.2 NIF officials and Tamworth Regional Council staff are to inspect the ground on the day of the fixture and decide whether play can take place during the day. In addition, the home club official shall advise the visiting team(s) and the appointed match official(s). If the fields are then closed they will be sign posted and the Competition Administrator will notify the Media, Clubs and update the TDF website and the Football Tamworth Facebook page.

### **1.2 Wash Outs**

1.2.1.1 Under normal circumstances for non-competitive age groups when a round is washed out this round will not be replayed.

1.2.1.2 Wash outs will be at the discretion of the Competitions Administrator

1.2.1.3 For competitive age groups washed out rounds of the competition will be played on a date determined by the competition's administrator pending circumstances

1.2.1.4 Where a round of competition is washed out, or fields are unavailable for any reason, all Clubs will be informed of the date that the round will be played.

1.2.1.5 If the reallocated day is washed out, or the grounds are not available, all matches will be declared 0-0 draws.

1.2.1.6 All competitive competition teams are required to turn up to play on the allocated day.

1.2.1.7 Any team that does not turn up or does not have enough players to take the field, in accordance with Table 1 on page 10, will forfeit their match, no exceptions.

1.2.1.8 If required, due to continued wet weather, extra days will be allocated, to play all matches, where possible.

- If there is a prolonged period of wet weather, or field unavailability, then the Competition Administrator, will determine which rounds of the competition will be abandoned. Where this applies all matches affected will be declared to be a 0-0 draw.
- Teams/Clubs are not required to play washout games on any day that would cause a contravention of their religious beliefs or principles.

### **1.3 Closing of Grounds**

1.3.1.1 In all instances of inclement weather and/or other incidents, if fair doubt exists as to the possibility of play taking place, the following shall apply:

1.3.1.2 Before the day of the fixtures:

- The Competition Administrator and/or a Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) official shall inspect the fields and decide if matches will go ahead.
- If the fields are then closed they will be sign posted and the Competition Administrator will notify the Media, Clubs and update the TDF website and the Football Tamworth Facebook page.

1.3.1.3 On the day of the fixtures:

- 1. The Competition Administrator, at least one member of the Tamworth grounds committee and, if available a TRC official, will inspect the fields by no later than 7:00 AM and decide whether play can take place during the day.
- 2. If the fields are then closed they will be sign posted and the Competition Administrator will notify the Media, Clubs and update the TDF website and the Football Tamworth Facebook page.
- 3. In the event of a ground being declared unfit for play that ground shall not be used for any fixtures or training activities that day.



## **1.4 Deferred Matches**

- 1.4.1.1 Wash out dates will be subject to requirements and at the discretion of the competition's administrator.
- 1.4.1.2 Applications for individual deferred matches must be submitted to the Competition Administrator at least fourteen (14) days before the match is scheduled – no exceptions

## **1.5 My TRC APP**

To keep updated with the latest status of sporting fields in the Tamworth Local Government Area, please download the mytrc app.

<http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/1.elcom%20documents/mytrc/mytrc.html>



## **2 Armidale Competition, including New England**

- 2.1.1.1 If contact is made by email, phone message or SMS, return confirmation needs to be made to ensure the communication was received.
- 2.1.1.2 NIF and ADC (Armidale Dumaresq Council) managed fields – Rologas, Jack Vallance, Harris Park and Newling fields – unless fields are closed by Council, NIF will leave it at late as possible to make the decision to close a field. As a guide to junior game cancellations are to be determined and publicised by 7:00am on game day and senior games determined and publicised by 11am on game day
- 2.1.1.3 Club managed fields (Sportsground, UNE, Guyra, Uralla, Walcha, Glen Innes, TAS, Doody Park) – if any club managed field is deemed unplayable due to wet weather or any other reason the club is to make contact with the NIF (Competition Administrator) for any junior games and senior games to determine the availability of other fields, for junior games notification needs to be made before 7:00am on game day and for senior games before 11am on game day.
- 2.1.1.4 It is the responsibility of the club managing the field to ensure that both the opposition teams/clubs and the referees are notified of any changed to the venue and time/s of game/s. The only exception in the cancellation of Junior games at Walcha, Uralla and Guyra. These are to be advertised by the Competition Administrator as per the bulk games communication below.

### **2.2 For Competition Day games – Ground Closures**

- 2AD contacted and given details of changes (phone, fax and email)
- News added to the ADFA website
- Club representatives are to be notified by the Competition Administrator
- Club representatives to notify individual teams

### **2.3 For Competition Games, where only 1 or 2 games are impacted**

- The referees are to be notified
  - Both teams are to be notified
- 2.3.1.1 The NIF concurs with the senior clubs wishes that all fixtures be played wherever is humanly possible or practical. This will not always cover every circumstance but is stated as a general principle. This rule is designed to allow some flexibility in the event of Clubs being unable to play at the stipulated time due to reasonable circumstances, such circumstances could be
- More than 3 of the players of the team have work commitments that clash
  - More than 3 of the players are involved in a wedding or funeral, the replay date falls within school holidays or on a long-weekend, a local community event or soccer carnival that clashes, the required ground is not available.



### **3 Premier League**

- 3.1.1.1 In all instances where inclement weather or other incidentals preceding a fixture raise fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules shall apply.
- 3.1.1.2 A home club official and a senior referee (if available) are to inspect the ground on the day of the fixture and decide whether play can take place during the day and such decision is to be given to the Competition Administrator no later than 9.00 am. In addition, the home club official shall advise the visiting team(s) and the appointed match official(s).
- 3.1.1.3 In the event of wet weather, the visiting team and/or appointed match official(s) should check with the home club secretary and/or team official before departing for any doubtful fixture venue.
- 3.1.1.4 Advice of a postponed fixture, where practical, will be conveyed to the appropriate radio stations and if no later than 10.00 am by the Competition Administrator or other person authorised to give such advice.
- 3.1.1.5 In the event of a ground being declared unfit for play that ground shall not be used for any fixtures during that day.
- 3.1.1.6 A club shall advise the Competition Administrator of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its officials who have the authority to declare a ground unfit for play.



## 4 Facebook Pages for Competition Locations

Competition locations	Facebook Page
Northern Inland Football	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/NorthernInlandFootball/">https://www.facebook.com/NorthernInlandFootball/</a>
TDF	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/176977272355350/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/176977272355350/</a>
ADF (Armidale and New England)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/adfafootball/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/adfafootball/</a>
Coonabarabran	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/coonagalaxy/">https://www.facebook.com/coonagalaxy/</a>
Glen Innes	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GIDFA/">https://www.facebook.com/GIDFA/</a>
Gunnedah	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Gunnedahsoccer/">https://www.facebook.com/Gunnedahsoccer/</a>
Inverell	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/inverellfc/">https://www.facebook.com/inverellfc/</a>
Moree	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MoreeJuniorSoccer/">https://www.facebook.com/MoreeJuniorSoccer/</a>
Narrabri	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Narrabri-Junior-Soccer-549186361952641/">https://www.facebook.com/Narrabri-Junior-Soccer-549186361952641/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NarrabriFC/">https://www.facebook.com/NarrabriFC/</a>
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Tenterfield	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/505870369472445/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/505870369472445/</a>
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