



2019 Season

In 2019 it is the Junior Committees recommendation in case of having to cancel Saturday Grass Games 0 the following practice be implemented

- (i) All P5-6 games are cancelled
- (ii) In 2019 the remaining S3/4 game scheduled on grass be rescheduled and played in the space timeslot on turf at 11.45am

Junior "S" and "P" Competition – Weather Issues

- (a) Cairns Hockey will be looking to make a decision on the field conditions at the earliest opportunity in cases of adverse weather issues.
- (b) Information will be communicated through
 - (i) Team App when it is available
 - (ii) Face Book notices on Cairns Hockey
 - (iii) Advise clubs to communicate with parents
- (c) Monday-Thursday - If there has been rain or severe rain has been forecast, the Operations Manager will action an inspection of the fields and a determination will be made and advise accordingly.
- (d) On Friday, an inspection of the fields will be made in the morning and if unplayable, the decision will be made and communicated at 12.30pm. if the fields are playable at 12.30pm and then during the course of the afternoon the position changes, notification will be made at the earliest opportunity.
- (e) Saturday – if on inspection grass fields are unplayable Friday afternoon, there will be a decision to cancel Saturday morning games on grass. This will be made no later than 3pm on Friday afternoon.
- (f) If the fields are playable at the start of the day, it then becomes the duty club representative to make any decisions during the junior competition in relation to the field conditions and whether play continues.
- (g) If the Duty Club representative makes a decision to suspend play BEFORE HALF TIME of the scheduled game, those games are postponed not cancelled and Cairns Hockey will if possible, schedule "catch up games"
- (h) If the Duty Club representative makes a decision to suspend play any-time in the second half of the game, those games will be classed as completed and if no further the score when the decision to suspend will be the official score of the game.
- (i) If the Duty Club representative postpones any and all games, then the representative must undertake and communicate this decision to
 - i. All people at the ground through Public Address System

- ii. Advise all club representatives at the facility through mobile phone or schedule a meeting for that reason
- iii. Advise the Operations Manager by text 0418880147 who will cause a notice to be posted on Facebook and the web site
- (j) In making any determination, the duty club representative should take into account the following matters
 - i. The age and skill level of the players – if the conditions are marginal – cancel those games for the young and less skilled – it is better to be safe
 - ii. The actual condition of the pitch – grass -v- artificial. If when you inspect you cannot see a reasonable game of hockey being able to be played, then postpone or cancel the games.
 - iii. Engage the team officials involved in the game and seek their opinions.
 - iv. If you have any reasonable doubt whatsoever then postpone the game and Cairns Hockey will work with clubs to reschedule the games.
 - v. **Enlist the advice of any Cairns Hockey Official or Board Member who might be present – note the contact details of Board Members available in the technical benches.**

If the Duty Club representative is required to cancel fixtures at any time, the said representative should send through a small report outlining

- What time the decision was made
- That notifications were made in accordance with guidelines
- Which games were postponed?
- Any other comments

Senior Competition – Weather Issues

TURF GAMES CONTROLLED BY TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

1. Cairns Hockey confirms that the technical officers appointed for each turf game are responsible for managing the game. This includes the decision of whether the turf is unplayable.
2. Before making this decision, if there is a CHA official present, they are able to discuss this decision with a CHA official as well as team officials.
3. If the turf becomes unplayable, the technical officer will advise the teams and seek to advise club officials.
4. The technical official will also need to include this in the match report
5. If the game is suspended and then cancelled for weather events of any kind prior to half time of that game, then the game will be postponed for rescheduling.
6. If the game is suspended and then cancelled at any time once the second half has commenced, the result will be official, and this game will not be rescheduled.
7. If there are ongoing weather issues and prior to the scheduled commencement of the game, clubs can speak to clubs and make decisions on postponing their games provided the technical official has confirmed the turf to be unplayable.

TURF GAMES NOT CONTROLLED BY TECHNICAL OFFICIALS AND ALL MASTERS COMPETITION GAMES

1. Cairns Hockey directs all its staff, officials, volunteers and supporters that all decisions must be made with safety of its members as the number 1 paramount consideration.
2. The Reef Turf is recognized to be affected prior to the Rainforest Turf and decisions can be made independently as a result of conditions on the respective turfs.

3. If there are ongoing weather issues and prior to the scheduled commencement of the game, clubs can speak to clubs and make decisions on postponing their games provided the turf is reasonable acknowledged as unplayable.
4. Unplayable depends on the weather conditions prevailing, the turf conditions prevailing, the level and skill of the competition game scheduled -remember safety is the number 1 priority.
5. If the game is suspended and then cancelled for weather events of any kind prior to half time of that game, then the game will be postponed for rescheduling.
6. If the game is suspended and then cancelled at any time once the second half has commenced, the result will be official, and this game will not be rescheduled.
7. Any decisions need to be noted on the match report.