

WET WEATHER AGREEMENT

CLUBS USE OF 'CLOSED' SPORTSFIELDS - GAMES ONLY

Acknowledgement and Indemnity

In the event of wet weather, in order to protect sportsfields from damage and in accordance with its **Hire of Sportsfields Policy**, Council occasionally closes sportsfields.

_____ (hereafter referred to as “the Club”) requests authorisation from Council to use closed sportsfields for competition games only. The Club is not permitted to train on a sportsfield if a blanket closure is administered and can use their Wet Weather Agreement for competition games only.

In consideration of such authorisation the Club expressly agrees and/or acknowledges;

1. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO FIELD

The Club acknowledges that Council will repair (or organise for the repair of) any damage to the field to its original condition. Where damage is a result of use of a closed field the Club will be liable for any and all costs associated with the repairs.

The Club acknowledges that its liability is not limited to the amount of the damage deposit bond.

2. WET WEATHER CHECKLIST

The Club agrees to complete a 'wet weather checklist' before using a closed field and acknowledges that it is not permitted to use the field should its officers answer 'yes' to question(s) 2,3 and/or 4.

3. INDEMNITY

The Club agrees to fully indemnify Council in relation to any and all claims in relation to any personal injury to any person arising out of the use of a closed field by the Club.

The Club agrees to fully indemnify Council from any and all claims in relation to any other type of damage (including property damage) suffered by any person arising out of the use of a closed field by the Club.

4. EXTENT OF AUTHORISATION

The Club acknowledges that the authorisation to use closed sportsfields is effective from the day this acknowledgment is returned to Council signed and that it lasts for the season of hire only. Application for the use of a 'Wet Weather Agreement' is on an annual basis at the commencement of your season.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORISATION

The Club acknowledges that Council may, at its absolute discretion, withdraw this authorisation at any time. (Council undertakes not to withdraw authorisations unreasonably.)

6. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER AGREEMENTS/LICENCES

The Club acknowledges that this acknowledgement and indemnity does not replace (or alter the obligations of) any other agreement (Hire of Sportsfield Policy, Licence Agreement etc.)

7. ACTS OF DEFAULT

The Club acknowledges that, certain conduct (use of a field without, or contrary to, a wet weather checklist for example) could be deemed as an act of 'default' in relation to other agreements.

8. VALID FOR COMPETITION GAMES ONLY

The Club acknowledges that this agreement is only valid for competition games; and at no point can it be administered for training purposes.

Signed on behalf of _____

By it's authorised officer _____

Who has been duly appointed to the position of: _____

President/Secretary

Date

In the presence of: _____

Witness

CLUB RISK ASSESSMENT/GROUND CHECK

	Please Circle	
1.	Yes/No	Have you checked SMS Bounce back
2.	Yes/No	Visible water pooling on the field/outfield
3.	Yes/No	Evidence of water underfoot whilst walking on the field
4.	Yes/No	Visibility of Play is affected by Rain/Fog
5.	Yes/No	An inspection of the ground has occurred and the field is safe to use (free of defects) for the intended purpose
<p>Please note that should rain fall immediately prior to or during the game, then reassessment as to whether play should continue must be made, taking into account the affect any additional rain may have on the playing surface.</p>		

Note: If you have answered yes to question(s) 2, 3 and/or 4 the game is not to occur.

PLAYING FIELDS

Sporting participation in the City of Fairfield is higher than the national average.

Council has more than 90 sportsfields and facilities for a range of sports including soccer, cricket, rugby, baseball, basketball, athletics and tennis. These are available for private hire and casual use for the community and local clubs

HOW TO CHECK IF THE PLAYING FIELDS ARE OPEN/CLOSED

In the event of wet weather, in order to protect sportsfields from damage and in accordance with its Hire of Playing Policy, all users are required to check if the grounds are open.

This information is available through -

- Council's Website - www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au
- Councils Customer Service Centre - phone **9725 0222**