



CANCELLATION POLICY CLUBS

Purpose

To provide a guideline for cancellations and communicating the cancellation of competition hockey by match(es) or division(s)/competition(s) or venue(s) or day(s).

Mission

- I. To provide participant safety and enjoyment and to maintain a fair competition.
- II. To provide effective and timely communication to the hockey community.

Factors

1. Weather – Temperature, Rain, Wind, Fog, Snow, Ice, Frost, Hail, Lighting.
2. Playing Conditions – Flooding, Debris, Lighting
3. Serious Injury – Broken Limbs, Medical Condition.
4. Unforeseen Events – e.g. Earthquake damage

Policy

1. Responsibility:

The Operations Manager or nominee shall be responsible for deciding any cancellations and communications to affected parties prior to the day's competitions beginning within 1.50 hours of the first match.

Club Hockey:

The match umpires (or most senior umpire available) in consultation with the two team captains, shall be responsible for deciding match cancellations prior to 15 minutes before the scheduled start or during the match under their control.

2. Conditions:

The following guidelines should be considered in total and not in isolation when deciding to cancel prior to a day's competitions beginning:

- Forecast temperature - below 5.0 degrees Celsius (wind chill factor).
- Forecast rain for the venue – heavy rain (>3.0mm/hr)
- Forecast wind for the venue – strong wind (>50.0km/hr). More weighting should be given if this is a southerly wind (SE to SW)



- Fog – field other
- Forecast snow for the venue

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- Forecast hail for the venue
- Forecasted lightning and/or thunderstorms

Playing Turf:

- The turf conditions are deemed 'unplayable' due to flooding or surface water. Recommended guideline is 20% of the turf is affected, including goal mouths or the distribution of flooded area is unfairly bias to one team, and then the surface is unplayable.
- The ground/turf conditions are deemed 'unplayable' due to ice. If ice exists at any part of the field or turf, a match should not proceed. If a thaw is highly likely then the match may be deferred for a short time without unduly disrupting the day's schedule.

Common sense should be used when considering the contributing factors with the primary objectives being on player safety and competition fairness.

3. Timing:

- I. For Friday night club hockey a decision to cancel will be made by 5.00pm (1.50 hour prior to the first match).
- II. For Saturday club competition a decision to cancel will be made by 10.30am on the day of the competition (1.50 hour prior to the first match).
- III. For Sunday club competition a decision to cancel will be made by 12.30pm on the day of the competition (1.50 hour prior to the first match).

4. Communication:

- I. For Saturday club competition a notification will be sent via the HMI mobile App and a text and/or email will be sent to club delegates and a notice placed on the Website and Facebook page by 11.00am on the day of the competition (1.00 hour prior to the first match).

For Sunday club competition a notification will be sent via the HMI mobile APP and a text and/or email will be sent to club delegates and a notice


placed on the Website and
Facebook page by
1.00pm on the day of the competition (1.00 hour prior to the first match).

II. When playing conditions deteriorate prior to (15 minutes before scheduled start) or during a match, the affected team captains will be advised at the time.

III. In unforeseen situations a notification will be sent via the HMI mobile App and a notice will be placed on the Hockey Manawatu Website and Facebook page. .

5. Club Results and points:

I. When the cancellation is decided and communicated prior to the beginning of the day's competition, the affected round(s) shall be deemed to have been cancelled. If possible the affected round will be rescheduled but in the event when matches are unable to be rescheduled, no points will be allocated to all teams playing in that division.

II. If less than half of the matches for the round affected have been played, the round will be cancelled and no points will be allotted for any of the matches in the affected round(s). If the affected round(s) is able to be rescheduled and played then points will be allocated accordingly.

III. In the event of a cancellation after the day's competition has begun, the Operations Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Council of Clubs, having regard to how many matches in the competitions are affected, shall decide either to cancel all matches in the affected round(s) or to reschedule the affected matches as he/she sees fit.

IV. In the uncommon situation of a match been 'called off' part way through due to significant changes in conditions; the result, requirement to replay and point allocation will be dealt with on a case by case basis in a fair and reasonable manner by the Operations Manager and the Council of Clubs.