



Extreme Weather Policy

Training and Match Day Cancellation due to extreme weather conditions

Football is an outdoor sport and is played throughout the year with the majority of training and games taking place in the winter months. The South Springvale FC ('the Club') will endeavour to ensure that training and games continue despite the weather conditions. There will be times when training and games will be affected and your Team Manager & Coach will keep you informed.

WET WEATHER

Training: Training will continue even when it is raining, however if the rain is excessive, continuous or when lightening may occur then the following may happen:-

Team Training: If a coach decides to call off training, they and/or the Team Manager will inform their parents & players by SMS and/or email. The Coach will inform the Club by email/SMS of that decision.

Club Training: The Club will monitor any weather warnings and will cancel training in the following circumstances; -

- A severe storm (including lightening) is forecast for the duration of training
- Continuous rain has impacted pitch conditions and training may cause additional impact or damage
- The City of Greater Dandenong has requested no training due to pitch conditions or safety issues

Should any of the above occur, the Club will do either of the following:-

- Place a notice on TeamApp – www.southspringvale.teamapp.com
- SMS will be sent to Team Managers & Coaches – they will also inform players/parents
- Emails – **MAY** also be used to send to all affected teams and players

If there is no notice posted then training is still going ahead and there is no need to ring the Club.

If training is going ahead and rain becomes heavier, the Coach and/or the Club will abandon training. **It is essential that ALL parents remain with their child during training. Young players cannot and should not be left should training be cancelled. Your children are still your responsibility and on many occasions children have been left at the Club when training has had to be abandoned due to weather conditions. It is not fair on the child, coach or other volunteers.**

The Club is there to provide football training – it is not a child-minding service and when training is abandoned, children should not be left unattended and without parental supervision.

Match Day: Football Victoria (FV) will advise should any games be cancelled due to forecasted weather.

The Club will advise each affected team by email and/or text.

The Club will advise the Coach & Team Manager of each affected team who will also notify their players and parents by SMS and/or email.

The Club may also place a notice on Facebook and Club Website.

Should a match(s) be cancelled at short notice by South Springvale FC or at the request of the City of Greater Dandenong, then the same process will apply as for training cancellation.

Should a match be cancelled by the opposition due to the weather forecast/conditions, then the Club will advise the Coach/Team Manager as soon as the information is known. The Coach will notify their players/parents. This information may not be known until the morning of the match. Please do not ring the Club as the line needs to be available for FV or opposition clubs.

If a Junior match (U12 upwards) is cancelled due to weather conditions, it will be rescheduled to the catch-up rounds.

If a Junior match (U12 upwards) is abandoned due to weather conditions (this is the Referee's decision) then the game **MAY** be rescheduled to the catch-up round.

HOT WEATHER

There are times during pre-season training, early matches and post-season programs that training and games will occur during hot weather.

Training and games will go ahead unless the temperature gauge reaches high temperatures. Should this happen, the Club will inform Coaches and Team Managers so they can inform players/parents.

The Club continuously monitors its pitch conditions and weather forecasts.