



GOLD COAST & DISTRICT RUGBY UNION

WET WEATHER SPORTING FIELD CLOSURE POLICY

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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Wet Weather Sporting Field Closure Policy provides clubs within Gold Coast & District Rugby Union a means of evaluating the playing surface from a safety viewpoint prior to a rugby event, following City of Gold Coast recommendations.

Clubs falling within the City of Gold Coast acquire use of their sporting field through City of Gold Coast Council's RIGHT OF USE PROGRAM. All clubs must adhere to the policy's and local laws specified in City of Gold Coast Council Sporting Field Closure Policy's and Right of Use Conditions.



COUNCIL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Refer to City of Gold Coast Sporting Field Closure Policy: Inclement Weather and Renovation Works

http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/documents/bf/Sporting_Field_Closure_Policy.pdf

The policy directs ROU Permit Holder's to City of Gold Coast Sport Field Closure website. This information is advice only and ROU Permit Holder's (Clubs) disregard this advice at their own risk – see Council Right of Use Condition 9.6.

COUNCIL RIGHT OF USE CONDITION 9.6

Refer to City of Gold Coast Right of Use 2017 Terms and Conditions

Definition 9. Sports Field Closures

9.6 Where the City recommends facilities be closed due to wet weather and the ROI permit holder disregards this advice, the ROU permit holder does so at its own risk and may be liable for damage caused to persons or property. Failure to adhere to the closure may result in the ROU permit holder being held responsible for repair costs or fined under Council's Local Law No.9

http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/documents/ll/Local_Law_No_9-Parks_and_Reserves.pdf

- The Right of Use (ROU) Permit Holder directly relates to the sporting Club with Right of Use of the sporting field.
- Gold Coast & District Rugby Union is not the ROI Permit Holder and is exempt from liability for damage caused to persons or property on City of Gold Coast Sporting Fields during times of closure.

Competition Law

Notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in these rules, the referee has the right to declare the match will not be played and therefore any of the provisions of these rules is subject to the referee's final say pursuant to the Laws of the Game on whether the match will be played.



FIELD SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

ITEM	PASS	FAIL	ACTION REQUIRED / TAKEN
Water level on field			
Surface is satisfactorily stable underfoot			
No major holes or clumps			
Irrigation heads level or below surface			
Unsafe objects or debris			
Line marking is clear			
The surface is not unduly slippery			
No hard spots / hard soil exposed			

Has there been communication on field safety with host club, opposition and officials?

YES / NO

The host club has assessed field conditions. The recommendations and decisions on the state of fields reached has been done so in consultation with Ground Curators, where applicable.

It is confirmed all safety checks have been conducted to assess the field as playable, as at _____ (Please list time) on, _____ (Please list date)

Signed,

ROU Permit Holder – Host Club President