



OUTDOOR FIELD CANCELLATION POLICY

PURPOSE

For the Swan City Football Club (“SCFC”) to effectively communicate to users when outdoor fields are deemed unplayable due to inclement weather in City of Grande Prairie.

OBJECTIVES

1. To protect and maintain field turf on sports fields
2. To reduce the risk of injury to the user

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES The temporary cancellation of any rental program on any field owned and/or scheduled by the SCFC as a result of a current and/or prolonged period of inclement weather will follow the City of Grande Prairie field cancellation policy. Officials residing over the activity may not scrutinize the decision of staff under any circumstances. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, the SCFC staff will make the required user fee adjustments upon confirmation by the league contact or email.

CONSIDERATION FOR CANCELLATION Field restrictions will remain in effect for as long as it takes for inclement weather conditions to cease, and when City of Grande Prairie staff are confident that play on a particular field can commence without the contribution of significant field damage.

FIELD CONDITIONS Field cancellations are assessed by any of the following criteria including but not limited to:

- i) Visual ponding;
- ii) sponging of water on turf surface;
- iii) drainage characteristics of the field;
- iv) existing conditions and maintenance requirements;
- v) amount of precipitation that occurred and amount expected to fall in the future;
- vi) time of year and the cumulative amount of stress on the field; and
- vii) what kind of damage could occur to the field, if the field remains open.

Alternate venues may be considered by SCFC staff, in consultation with the City of Grande Prairie, in situations where the initial rental has been forced into a cancellation. However, this

relocation is solely based on appropriateness, availability and field conditions and at the sole discretion of the SCFC. Alternate venues will not be considered for practice or regular season play.

LIGHTNING AND SEVERE WEATHER: Any situation with lightning and severe weather will follow the guidelines of Canada Soccer outlined in the Lightning and Severe Weather policy.

COMMUNICATION OF CANCELLATIONS:

City of Grande Prairie staff will advise SCFC by email and telephone of all EXTREME cancellations and delays as soon as able. SCFC staff will then advise our members as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Ensure you follow our SCFC website, or other social media pages, to get the latest information on cancellations. The City of Grande Prairie may do a media release via newspaper and radio advising the public of cancellation.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER CANCELLATION SITUATIONS

It is the responsibility of the SCFC to ensure that all officials, coaches and the media receive timely notification of the cancellation. SCFC will not accept failure to communicate as an excuse of non-compliance by coaches and officials, nor will it be held responsible for any inconveniences created by communicated cancellations.

COMPLIANCE WITH CANCELLATION

It is expected that all member, players and officials occupying a specific field respect the decisions of SCFC and the City of Grande Prairie staff and refrain from use of the facility for the period of the cancellation. Upon review of reported instances of user groups failing to comply to a cancellation, the City of Grande Prairie reserves the right to cancel the rental agreement for the duration of that rental agreement with no refund. Users will not be charged for the duration of the cancellation, if such cancellations are respected as deemed by staff.