

Royston Rugby Club

Mini and Youth



Weather protocol

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This protocol is primarily for instances where pitches become unplayable due to hard frost but could also be used for waterlogging or dry conditions leading to hard pitches. This protocol can also be used for any extreme weather conditions that might make rugby unsafe for children.

2. Two days before event

- 2.1. Check weather forecast and notify home and away teams if pitch inspection might be required.
- 2.2. Responsibility: Director of Rugby.

3. Evening before event

- 3.1. Check updated weather forecast.
- 3.2. For forecast overnight conditions of -5oC or less or other weather conditions that would clearly make conditions unplayable, the fixture/training should be **cancelled by 9pm the night before**. This is particularly the case when visiting teams from a distance are due to be travelling to Royston.
- 3.3. Responsibility: Director of Rugby to make decision.
- 3.4. Fixtures Secretary to communicate to opposition, M+Y Chairman to communicate to Royston Teams.

4. Morning of an event

- 4.1. For more marginal decisions where a morning pitch inspection is required, an inspection between 7.30am and 8.15am is to be held and a **final decision made by 8.15am**.
- 4.2. It should be noted that a different decision for minis matches that typically kick off at 9.30am may be made to Youth matches that typically Kick off later.
- 4.3. All parties are asked for their understanding and co-operation in these circumstances, The safety of the children is always the first consideration.

5. Communication

- 5.1. Updated Pitchero Website. Responsibility: M+Y Chairman
- 5.2. Post message to club facebook: Social Media Manager
- 5.3. Communicate with opposition: Fixtures Secretary
- 5.4. Communicate to parents via informal networks (I.e. Whats App): Team Admins/Head Coach/Manager.

Signed *Niall Tallis*

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Mini and Youth Chairman

Director of Rugby