



OAKMEADIANS RFC

Adverse Weather Policy

Definition of Adverse Weather Conditions

Adverse weather may include:

- Flooded pitches or training area.
- Torrential Rain.
- Lightening.
- High gusting winds.
- Frozen pitches and training area.
- Snow.
- Dry/hard pitches and training area.

Oakmeadians RFC will make every effort to allow their members to play, watch and support rugby at Meyrick Park. The park is owned and managed by the local council (BCP) and at times they may make a decision whether the pitches are playable due to weather. As a community rugby club, Oaks also has a responsibility to make sure their members are safe and that the pitches are playable. We must also make every attempt to preserve the pitches so they can be used to their maximum.

On occasion Oakmeadians RFC may cancel or postpone training or matches if the club deem that the ground is unsafe or the roads are unsafe for people to travel to Meyrick Park.

Any cancellation will be communicated to the managers through email, text, Spond and WhatsApp, then it will be put on the Acorns Facebook group page. Oaks will attempt to inform people as early as possible.

Oaks may from time to time carry out a pitch inspection and call off evening training if they feel the area may be dangerous for children and adults to use. This will be communicated to the managers through email, text and WhatsApp, then put on Acorns Facebook group.

If an Age Grade Manager feels that the pitch area to be used is of an unplayable condition they must inform their parents as soon as possible, making other arrangements where possible.

All Managers are responsible for completing a Rugby Safe Risk Assessment prior to training and match play. Access to the Risk Assessment is found on the Proactive App.

Lightening

Should lightening occur while play or training is in progress the players must leave the field of play and not return until a minimum of 20 minutes after the last occurrence of lightening.



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Saturday Match Day

If the Borough Council are concerned about the pitches they will inspect at 8.30am on the day of matches, they will then inform the Club's nominated contact if they decide to cancel the use of the areas. The Club's nominated contact will communicate with the managers and coaches of the teams affected. The team manager must inform any travelling opposition and referee as soon as possible.

Oaks may check the pitches the evening before match day or early on match day morning if any opposition has a long distance to travel and if there has been lengthy rain or snow. Oaks will communicate with the Borough Council and matches will be called off as above.

An RFU official may be asked to inspect the pitches before matches if there is any dispute.

Further details regarding postponements and abandoned matches due to weather conditions can be found in the RFU published regulations. Regulation 13 6.6 and 6.7

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