



NEPEAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Forfeit & Rescheduling Policy Specifically Relating to Covid-19 Outbreaks 30th March 2022

SCOPE

1. This policy relates to all teams competing or taking part in Nepean FA scheduled matches in the regular season competition, Nepean Cup Tournament, Championship Tournament & Finals matches.
2. The policy does not apply to Football NSW tournaments or Invitational Tournaments conducted by other Associations.
3. Refer to separate headings for how the policy will be applied in each particular competition format.
4. The policy relates to players only, the Covid status of a coach, trainer, manager or other team official will not be taken into consideration when considering the management of a fixture due to Covid related outbreaks.
5. The policy conditions are final and are not subject or open to appeal.
6. The policy will be in place for season 2022 and will be reviewed annually until it is no longer required.

REGULAR COMPETITION MATCHES

7. In the event that 40% of registered players in a team are Covid positive or are required to self isolate due to a family member, living in the same household and being covid positive, or if the number of registered players in a team drops below 7 due to these COVID impacts, the association will make one single attempt to reschedule the fixture at the request of the team by their club.
8. For the request to be considered, the team, via their club official must present registered Covid positive confirmation messages or emails relating to the affected team members.
9. Nepean FA respects the privacy of our members, and will always act in a responsible manner in the handling of sensitive personal information that we receive to support such a request.
10. We also acknowledge that some people may choose to not share their medical information with us, however without government supplied Covid positive results confirmation for each listed team member affected, rescheduling will not be considered.



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- a. Please refer back to clause 6 if you do not agree with our decision to collect this information.
11. The affected team may also choose to forfeit their match rather than having it replayed. Should the decision of the team be to forfeit their match, the association will waive the scheduled financial penalty for the forfeit.
12. If the re-scheduled fixture does not proceed due to the same team's inability to attend the fixture for any reason, there will be no further attempt to reschedule the match and the result will be recorded as a forfeit to the opposition team.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SERIES AND FINALS MATCHES

13. During any Championship Tournament Series or a Grand Final match, due to the tight scheduling of competitions in 2022, rescheduling of a match will not be considered, and the affected team will be required to forfeit their match. Financial forfeit penalties will be waived.

NEPEAN CUP TOURNAMENTS

14. During a Nepean Cup Tournament match, at any stage during the tournament, a team affected by covid will be required to forfeit their match. Financial penalties for such a forfeit will be waived provided proof of covid positive results are supplied as per Clause 5.

NON COMPETITION MATCHES

15. Teams participating in non-competition age groups, i.e. Under 5 to Under 11 inclusive, whose ability to field a team is adversely affected due to Covid infections, will forfeit their match. The match will not be replayed.
16. No financial penalty will be applied because of a Covid related forfeit unless the team, via their club, fails to provide proof of Covid infections within the team. In such cases, the match will be declared a forfeit and regular forfeit penalties will be applied.