

Campbelltown Cobras Soccer Club

Wet Weather and Lightning Policy

A recorded service is now available to check on Cobra's ground closures. During periods of wet weather players, parents, carers, coaches and managers can call **0406 146 722** to check if either Hurley Park or Kevin Wheatley Memorial Reserve are closed. This includes training and games. The website www.cobrassc.com.au will also be updated with ground closure information.

Training and games must NOT be conducted if a ground is closed.

It is at the discretion of coaches and/or managers to have training when a ground is open and it is raining. Generally if it is just a passing shower or very light rain then training should be OK, but you should train on the fringes of the field as it will quickly become muddy even with a small amount of rain. If a parent or carer decides it is too wet to let their child train, please be sympathetic to their wishes, particularly for younger children. Training should be called off for all age groups if moderate to heavy rain develops during training. The referee will make a decision during games.

In the event of lightning, Football NSW has a lightning policy which adopts the 30-30 rule. This rule must also be applied to training:

Should thunderstorms be prevalent on match day, the '30-30' rule is to be used in order to determine whether a game should be suspended (to include delaying the commencement of the game) and when it is safe to resume play (to be determined by the Referee]. When lightning is sighted, count the time until thunder is heard. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 10km and is dangerous. As most experts believe that the 'safe' distance is no less than 10km, all people at risk should be seeking, or already inside safe shelters. This is the time at which matches should be suspended.

Training or games should not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike was observed within the 30 second range.

A copy of the Football NSW Lightning Policy can be found on the Cobras website.

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