

Tuesday, 3 May 2011



**CENTRAL COAST  
FOOTBALL**

Dear Members:

Firstly thank you for all your feedback on last weekend. It was good to hear a range of opinions on how we can provide a better service for all members, and we continue to work towards solutions that benefit all members. We once again acknowledge the outstanding efforts of all the clubs and their volunteers at getting our members out onto the football park.

On Monday night a review was held of the weekend's events by the General Manager, The Chairman, The Competitions Director and the staff of CCF, the following is a result of that meeting.

Firstly we would like to clear up some confusion on where our members should be directed to, to get up to date information on ground closures. All members should be directed to the CCF website for ground closures. This is the same for Draws, Results and Points tables. The CCF website is the single point of information for all ground closures. We have found that the CCF website and clubs websites were out of sync and this caused confusion amongst our members, so therefore can we ask that you do not put ground closure information for matches on your own website but redirect to the CCF website.

We have also established that some clubs are giving notification of ground closures far too early and not taking into account the possibility of some grounds being opened for afternoon games, particularly on Sunday. This was borne out last weekend when CCF personnel went and checked at least one ground that had been closed for the weekend and found it playable on Sunday afternoon.

We also recognise that the CCF website must be more flexible in its ground notification processes to allow better understanding by all its members. So after review the following is to be put in place immediately.

- Clubs can only make a determination on field closures at the earliest on the afternoon prior to the game being held the next day, this will allow for fields to be reviewed closer to game times.
- **Friday:**  
Clubs can send a text message thru to the mobile number on Friday afternoon up until 5pm telling of their ground being closed. The website will not update until after that time. Of course clubs will still have the option to wait until Saturday by 6.00am to make this decision.

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- **Saturday:**  
Clubs will have until 6.00am to send notification through for Saturdays games. Please note that if a club closes a ground on Friday afternoon it cannot reopen on Saturday morning.

If a club wants to send through that its ground will be closed for Sundays games it can do so on Saturday afternoon by 5pm.

Any ground that was closed on Saturday and notification has not been received by 5pm Saturday that its ground is closed for Sunday will have their status changed to Pending

- **Sunday:**  
Clubs can notify by text message by 6.00 am that their ground is closed.

Any ground that has had its status changed to pending from Saturday will be changed to Open if no notification is received that the ground is closed by 6.30am.

- **Monday:**  
All grounds will be reset to Open on Monday morning.

#### **Points to note:**

- Please note that the CCF website will not be changed until after the designated times.
- Ensure all time frames are kept to, with emphasis on the 6 30am, as we don't want to change a status from pending to open only to get a message after the time saying the ground is closed as it will be too late to change it back.
- Only inform the CCF of your grounds not any other clubs status.
- All ground closures are via text to the designated number only. Emails will not be accepted.
- Ensure all your members are aware of this procedure, as it will be posted up on the CCF website.
- Please only send a text if your ground is closed, not that it is open.
- We will receive notification from Council if any grounds are closed for the weekend by 2pm Friday. If council closes grounds the CCF website will be updated by 5pm Friday and the ground will remain closed for the entire weekend.
- Note that this is for competition games only, field closures for training is the responsibility of the clubs.

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