



COVID Deferments Policy - Winter Season 2022

Should a team be unable to play due to the following:

- A team in Grades 12 to AAM, AAL, 35's, 45's & WPL (excluding MPL), has more than 4 of the registered players that are infected with COVID or are a close contact.
- A MPL team has 10 of their squad/registered players that are infected with COVID or are a close contact.

The following process it to be followed:

- Clubs may apply for a Match deferment by 5pm the day prior to the scheduled match via the official COVID 19 Match Deferral Request Form – ([Click here](#))
- Should players be isolating with COVID - The team must provide evidence of rapid antigen lodgement via the Service NSW acknowledgement OR NSW Health acknowledgement for each participant unable to play. Should we not have received proof of isolation, the game will be awarded to the opposition.
- Should players be required to isolate as a close contact, team will be required to upload a statutory declaration for each player affected.
- An application by a Club to defer a Match in the circumstances described above must be made on the prescribed form (available here) and include an explanation of why the Club is unable to field a Team, including why it is not possible for the Club to select replacement players from lower grades.

Should the team meet the above requirements, your game may be deferred. Matches that are deferred will be rescheduled for the next available opportunity, from 2 weeks onwards and this may include a double header.

If the deferred game is unable to be played for any reason, Regulation A3.2 will come into effect.

Regulation A3.2

A3.2 Every effort will be taken to play matches washed out due to bad weather and deferments within three rounds of the original fixture. In cases where the washed out or deferred matches cannot be re-scheduled the full round may be cancelled in situations where less than 50% of matches in a competition were completed. Where a round is cancelled all points and goals for any matches played in the round are not counted – other than as per A3.5g.

Matches from rounds not fully washed-out, and any matches which are subject of G&D investigations may be exempt from this rule at the discretion of BDAFA.

If a game is deferment is requested after the 5 pm prior day deadline:

- Clubs will need to contact the GM via Text Message to request deferment & will be required to complete the official COVID 19 Match Deferral Request Form – ([Click here](#)). These games will be referred to the BDAFA Office and will be pending a decision as per Regulation A3.2