



## LANCASHIRE SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2020 – 2021

### Postponement of Fixture Guidance

- Prior to the day of the fixture, any Club (Open Age or Youth) unable to fulfil a fixture due to inclement weather or other reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Manager prior to contacting the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. **Under no circumstances shall a game be postponed without first exploring the following options:**
  1. Reverse the game to the opposition ground on the proviso the fixture has not already been played. However, this may be necessary given the fixture capacity available to the respective Fixture Manager.
  2. Sourcing a neutral venue.
  3. Sourcing an alternative opponent.

The Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

- **Council Venues:** If on the day of a scheduled match the sole responsibility will rest with the Match Officials as to whether or not they deem the pitch fit and playable. If postponed, the Home club is responsible to ensure the website is updated with the postponement no later than 1 hour of the match commencement time.
- **Private Venues:** If on the day of a scheduled match the responsibility will rest with the Groundsman, and or, the Match Officials as to whether or not they deem the pitch to be fit and playable. If postponed, the Home club is responsible to ensure the website is updated with the postponement no later than 1 hour of the match commencement time.
- In the event of a match not being played, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses.
- **Non Fulfilment Charge:** Any game that does not take place during this playing season will be subject to a charge under league rule 20 (B). This may include wet weather call offs, lack of players or other circumstances. A charge is an opportunity for both sides

and the match official to present all the necessary information for the League Management Committee to determine what action, if any, is to be taken. A charge does not presume guilt and will in most cases result in no further action. A swift, honest and concise response will ensure that the fixture programme is not unnecessarily delayed.

In the event of a Club failing to keep its fixture engagement the Management Committee shall have power to:

- a. Inflict a fine**
- b. Deduct points from the defaulting Club**
- c. Award the points from the match in question to the opponents**
- d. Order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents**
- e. Reschedule the fixture**

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***These guidelines replace the previous guidance notes "Guide to Club Officials on Request for a Fixture Relief" published August 2018.***