



AHJFA Policy : Match Postponement due to COVID - 19.

The AHJFA acknowledges that the Hills Sporting Community is currently living through the global COVID – 19 pandemic. The AHJFA recognises that clubs and individual teams will be affected at times by COVID-19 and may be unable to field teams.

The AHJFA's preference is for matches to be played as scheduled, if at all possible, even when one or both teams are affected by COVID - 19 .

Requests for Match Postponement due to COVID - 19

Clubs are able to request a postponement of a game due to being affected by COVID - 19. "Affected" means suffering from COVID - 19 illness, or required to quarantine as per State or Federal law.

The AHJFA will consider a game postponement in the following circumstances :

- If a team in Division U13 Mixed or above cannot field 10 players or more
- If a team in Division U10, U11 or U12 cannot field 8 players or more
- If a team in Division U8 or U9 cannot field 6 players or more

If a team in U7 cannot field a team due to COVID - 19, the game will be abandoned.

Postponements will not be considered if a coach or Team Manager is affected by COVID - 19. Clubs are reminded that any team which fails to participate in a scheduled match without consent from the AHJFA may face a "forfeit" (recorded as a 3-0 loss)

Notification Process :

Clubs must request game postponement due to COVID -19 :

- in writing (email)
- no less than 48 hours before kick- off
- the most recent team sheet must accompany the request, with the names of players affected by COVID -19 clearly marked on the sheet.

Proof of illness is not required. The AHJFA assumes clubs will act in good faith and not take advantage of this process when they are affected by other adverse circumstances.

Please send requests for game postponement to :

Competition Committee competition@ahjsa.asn.au or **AHJFA Chair** chair@ahjsa.asn.au

