

Unfit Pitch Procedure

On the day before a match, if there is the slightest possibility that the pitch will be unfit for play, a home team representative is to contact their opponents and make arrangements to re-contact them on the morning of the match. The home team representative is to organise for the match pitch to be inspected, by a referee, as early as possible on the morning of the match. The result of that inspection is to be telephoned to the travelling team at the arranged time.

Important:

- (a) The home team will **organise a pitch inspection** on the day of the game at a time that would allow the visitors plenty of time to travel [a late kick off in these circumstances would be understood]
- (b) The home team, having arranged to telephone the away team at a pre-arranged time **must keep to that arrangement**, regardless of any obvious weather improvement.
- (c) The away team should always make plans that all cars etc meet at one place before setting off.
- (d) The away team **must not leave** until they have received the pre-arranged telephone call to say whether the match is on or off.
- (e) The **referee's decision** whether the game on or off is final and will not be questioned.

Teams failing to carry out this procedure will be fined under Rule 7(a) and will probably have to reimburse the visiting team any expenses incurred.

REMEMBER

THINK OF OTHERS, THAT YOU WOULD WISH THEY OF YOU.