



## **HKHA SUMMER MIXED LEAGUE HOCKEY**

### **POSTPONEMENT OF MATCHES DUE TO BAD WEATHER**

Weather conditions can change in a very short time and can vary significantly across Hong Kong. Conveners and players should not assume that bad weather where they are located means that a match will be postponed.

There are 2 situations under which a match will be postponed due to bad weather:

1. When either the Number 8 Typhoon Signal, or higher signal, and/or the Black Rainstorm Warning is in effect anytime up to 1 hour before the scheduled start time of the match, or comes into effect during the match.

It is the responsibility of the Conveners/Captains of the affected teams, to determine from information made available by the Hong Kong Observatory whether the above conditions apply.

2. When the Leisure and Cultural Services Department closes the pitch.

In such a case the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will generally notify the HKHA in advance and the HKHA will advise the Conveners of the affected teams by text message and/or e-mail as early as possible after receiving such notice.

Under all other circumstances, matches will be played unless the umpires at the pitch, determine, either prior to the start of the match, or at any time during the match, that the weather conditions have deteriorated to an extent that it is unsafe, or impractical, to commence or to continue the match.

Play should always be stopped if there is a significant danger to the players e.g. if there is lightning at the pitch, or if the pitch is flooded or water logged to the extent that the ball cannot roll properly or the players cannot move safely on the pitch.

In the event of high pollution levels, individual players should decide whether they should participate in a match, based on their own personal and medical circumstances.

At the umpires' discretion, matches stopped due to bad weather may be delayed and restarted if/when the weather improves. Captains must establish with the umpires whether a restart may occur before allowing players to leave the venue.

In the event of an abandoned or delayed match players and umpires are responsible for their own safety and should take shelter in a safe place and/or follow the advice of the Hong Kong Observatory.