



Soccerwise® - Bad Weather Policy

Around the globe soccer is played in almost every imaginable weather condition including snow!

Parents and children can expect training to be cold, wet, windy and miserable at times. Conversely, the weather may be extremely hot, humid and uncomfortable in summer.

Please consider the following guidelines:

- Weekend Group training will not be cancelled except under extreme weather conditions such as hail and lightening. The ultimate decision for cancellation rests with the Soccerwise® coach who will take into account the health and safety of the participants. On extremely hot, windy or rainy days, the duration of training sessions may be shortened (or cancelled outright) at the discretion of Soccerwise® coaches. Depending on conditions, Soccerwise® coaches may also opt to run modified training sessions e.g. less running, moving indoors if possible, more and longer breaks, etc.
- Regarding School and Holiday Programs - in the unlikely event that training does not take place due to extremely poor / dangerous weather conditions (e.g electrical storms) - children will be supervised 'indoors' by Soccerwise coaches/staff until the advertised session end time. Thereafter it becomes parents / guardians responsibility to ensure their children are picked up on time or alternate arrangements made. If parents / guardians are running late to pick up their children they should contact Soccerwise® immediately.
- For children 12 years of age or younger, there should be at least one parent or guardian in attendance at all times. This is because the Soccerwise® coach can shorten group training sessions at their discretion in case of foul weather or other reasons. Please note that parents are 'not' required to be in attendance at School or Holiday Programs. Parent attendance only applies to Weekend programs, Midweek programs (not School or Holiday Programs) and Birthday Parties.
- There is a state-wide ban on sport being played whilst lightning is in the vicinity. No-one (children, parents or coaches) should remain outside in that case.
- During cold weather participants should dress warmly. Gloves, beanies, water-proof jackets, soccer boots (preferably not runners), track-suits, warm clothes, etc. should be worn by participants. On rainy days parent should also bring a towel and dry change of clothes for their children after the training.
- During hot weather participants should dress appropriately and come prepared. Caps, sunscreen, lip protection, long sleeve shirts, etc. should be worn by participants.
- Parents should always ensure their children have plenty of drinking water with them at every training session. This includes winter training sessions where dehydration can just as easily occur. For more information about training during winter ask us about our 'Soccerwise® Winter Training Tips'.

NOTE: Soccerwise® also conducts group training modules for children and adults in indoor centres and gymnasiums around Melbourne. If you would like to know more about our indoor soccer training programs please contact us.

