

ACA Junior and Youth Morning Cricket Cancellation Policy

ACA would like to see cricket played where possible and we wish to work with home clubs to ensure we do not cancel games unnecessarily. All junior and youth playing conditions include how to reduce overs for weather affected matches. ACA do not wish for any players to risk injury and expect every home team to complete a venue health and safety check for every game.

ACA Blanket Cancellations Due to Severe Weather Warnings

ACA will cancel all junior and youth morning cricket should there be an Auckland weather advisory from the [Metservice](#) advising that it is unsafe to travel to games. ACA checks for advisories constantly and will communicate through the ACA website, Facebook and email to all Club Managers.

Home Club Cancellations

For all junior and youth morning grades, home clubs are entrusted with making the decision on whether they believe a game of cricket can occur at their home grounds as early as the evening before the game.

Home Club Considerations for Cancelling:

- Is it safe to start on time?
- Is it likely that conditions will improve during the morning to allow for a reduced length of game?
- *How far the opposition team is traveling should be factored when deciding at what time to call the game off. The latest time that is reasonable is 7am, however, if a team is travelling a great distance an early call may be appropriate.*

Home Club Responsibilities When Cancelling:

1. The Home Club decides to abandon their home fixture.
 - a. If the club has made the decision to cancel, it is the club's responsibility to advise their own coach/managers who in turn will contact their own team and opposition coach/managers.
 - b. If a home club coach/manager makes the decision about their home game, it is their responsibility to contact their own team, opposition coach/manager and also advise their own club manager.
2. **If all junior and youth morning home games are being cancelled by the home club, the home club must advise ACA via email and text before 7am.**
3. Clubs to publish on the home club's communication channels any home games that have been cancelled.
4. **Home coaches/managers should update the fixture immediately in CricHQ – from team admin login "Enter Basic Scorecard" and then enter "Result" as "Abandoned".**

Club Responsibilities

- **All clubs must provide ACA with a complete contact list of coaches/managers for all teams.**
- **All clubs must ensure all their coaches/managers have the contact list for all teams that ACA provides back to clubs.** *Please ensure these lists are not published on websites or social media as permission is only granted to share with other coaches/managers.*
- If the home club cancels any fixtures prior to the start of play, they must advise the opposition team coach/manager by 7am at the latest.
- Club's must ensure that all teams understand process for cancellations and know where to look for information:
 - First contact point for all parents in a team is the coach/manager of their own team, whether they are home or away team.
 - Coach/manager of each team to ensure they have a way to distribute information quickly to their own players parents – text, Facebook, email groups or any other means of quick communication.

ACA Responsibilities

- ACA will publish all cancellations on our website and Facebook page as soon as possible.
- If ACA receives a call from an away team advising they cannot contact the home team coach/manager or club manager at 7am or later, ACA has the ability to deem the fixture as abandoned if ACA believes the weather will not allow a fixture to be played.
- If enough clubs across Auckland cancel by 7am and ACA is confident that no cricket is reasonably possible to be played across Auckland, ACA may issue a blanket cancellation at this time.