

Postponement of Fixtures in Thurlow Nunn League Club Instructions for Season 2025/26

Unless agreement is in place before the start of the season, Premier and First Division matches can only be postponed by the League, or by the Match Official appointed to referee the match. As FA Standardised Rule 14.2 states, 'No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground'.

The League will use its discretion and postpone matches in extreme weather conditions, or because of some particular local circumstance, but generally it will be the appointed Match Referee who decides whether a pitch is fit for play.

If the Match Referee is unable to be present at a Pitch Inspection, then he/she can make a decision after consultation with the person carrying out the inspection. This should be a Referee of the same or higher level. If there is no other option a decision can be made remotely by the Match Referee if the Club can use a video call showing the state of the pitch.

Home Clubs must keep their opponents informed of any possible problems with their pitch and any impending pitch inspections. They should ensure that a decision is made before their opponents begin their journey.

Should a pitch be declared unfit for play then the home club should inform their opponents and email the appropriate League Fixture Secretary asap. There is no longer a need to complete a Pitch Inspection Form, but the Match Referee will be required to contact the League about any postponement decision.

In the event of a pitch inspection being carried out then a payment of travel expenses at current rate may be offered, paid by the Home Club. If the appointed Match Officials have reported to the ground, then they are entitled to their travel expenses plus half their match fee if the match is not played.