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To: NPL – FQPL 2 Clubs
From: Football Queensland
Subject: Wet Weather Postponement Process
Date: May 6, 2025

Dear Clubs

As wet weather continues to severely impact the 2025 season, clubs are reminded that they **must follow the correct wet weather postponement process** as outlined in the 2025 FQ Advanced Rules of Competition for all senior fixtures.

In recent weeks, a number of clubs have failed to follow the correct process and have sought to operate outside of the prescribed regulatory parameters, including contacting Football Queensland via personal mediums in an attempt to influence postponement outcomes.

Clubs are reminded that any substantiated misconduct in the process of postponing fixtures, or breaches of the Wet Weather Postponement Process, may be sanctioned under the 2025 Advanced Rules of Competition and Disciplinary Regulations.

In line with this process, a club may only make a request to postpone a fixture **more than three (3) hours prior to kick off** (or four (4) hours if a team is travelling from another region – e.g. Gold Coast to Brisbane).

After this time, it becomes the match official's decision as to whether the match will proceed.

Football Queensland may use its discretion to make a decision outside of this timeline if the venue is currently impacted by a weather system and appropriate evidence is presented to FQ by the host club, and if the referee has not yet arrived at the venue.

If any home club does not abide by the wet weather procedures, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match and will be subject to the Penalties and Outcomes as detailed in Section 5.16 of the 2025 FQ Advanced Rules of Competition. Compensation may also be payable to the affected travelling team, as determined by FQ in its sole and absolute discretion.

Clubs are also reminded that the only way to request a postponement of an Advanced Leagues fixture outside of business hours is for an approved club contact to contact FQ via the FQ Wet Weather number on **07 2103 9121** before following up with an email to competitions@footballqueensland.com.au with evidence (photos and videos) of the field being unplayable.

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Any final decision to postpone or alter an Advanced Leagues fixture will be made by Football Queensland, and as the regulator of the competition FQ may elect to inspect a field at its discretion before making a determination on whether to postpone or alter a fixture.

Football Queensland appreciates the cooperation of all clubs in adhering to the wet weather postponement process moving forward.

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