

Postponement of Fixtures in Thurlow Nunn League Club Instructions for Season 2022/23

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 (by telephone, video call, etc.) with the person carrying out the inspection. This would normally be a Referee of the same or higher level although any Referee listed in the East Anglian Pool of Referees would be acceptable. Should a club have difficulty locating an appropriate official to carry out a pitch inspection contact should be made with the Referees Administration Officer Tony Trevers for advice. In extreme cases 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 the League Fixture Secretary asap.

A Pitch Inspection Form (attached) must be completed for postponements, unless agreed otherwise with the Fixture Secretary. 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.



Certificate of Match Postponement
(Premier and First Divisions)



Match: vs

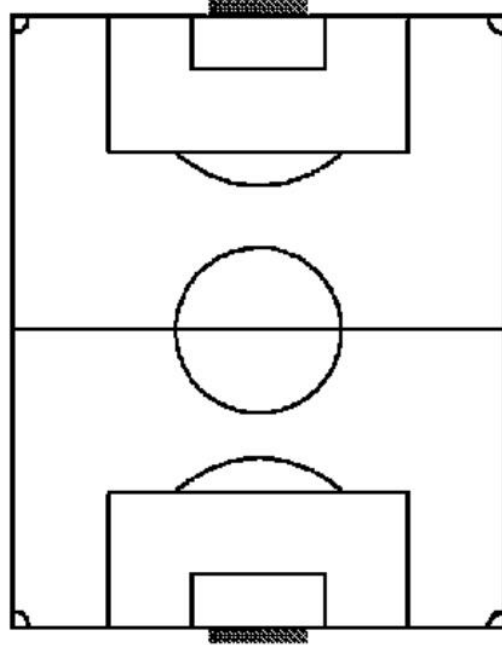
Match Date:

Competition:

Name of Appointed Match Referee:

Reason for Postponement:

Identify areas of the field which were unplayable (where applicable)



Name of Inspecting Referee (if applicable)	Signature:
Date:	Time:

Name of Home Club Official:	Signature:
Date:	Time:

Please forward completed form to fixtures@thurlownunnleague.co.uk