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Rain and Storm Policy and Procedure for Cancellation of Lacrosse Training

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the cancellation of lacrosse training sessions due to stormy conditions. The safety of all participants and coaches is our top priority, and this policy ensures that proper procedures are followed to mitigate any risks associated with adverse weather conditions. It is also important that coaches plan and execute training sessions where players derive value from those sessions.

Monitoring Weather Conditions:

The coach will regularly monitor weather forecasts leading up to the training session to gather information about the possibility of rain and storms. Various reliable sources such as local weather stations, online weather services, and weather apps should be consulted.

Weather Assessment:

On the day of training, the coach should assess the current weather conditions closer to the scheduled training time. This assessment should include factors such as lightning activity, heavy rain, thunderstorms, high winds, or any other conditions that could pose a risk to the safety of participants or negate any value of training.

Pre-emptive Communication:

If the coach anticipates severe weather conditions that may necessitate cancellation, the coach should notify the Director of Junior/ Men's/Women's Competition as early as possible. This early communication allows for coordination and dissemination of information to participants, parents, and other relevant parties.

Decision-Making Authority:

The relevant Director of Competition has the authority to make the final decision regarding the cancellation of training sessions due to rain and storms. The Director will assess the weather conditions and determine whether it is suitable and/or safe to proceed with the scheduled training or if cancellation is necessary. Importantly, it may be determined that the conditions may not be ideal for some age groups, but suitable for others.

Alternative Arrangements:

If outdoor conditions are not suitable/safe, the coach may decide to offer an alternative training option, such as a 'whiteboard' session or watching and discussing game footage.

Cancellation Procedure:

After communication between Coaches and Directors, if it is decided to cancel training due to rain or storms, the following steps should be followed:

- a. Notify Participants and Parents: The relevant Director/s, or nominated person/s, will communicate the cancellation decision to all participants and where appropriate their parents or guardians. This communication should be clear, timely, and include details of the cancellation, such as the reason, and whether alternative arrangements have been made.

- b. Notify Canteen and Bar managers: The relevant Director/s, or nominated person/s, will communicate the cancellation decision to Canteen and Bar Managers. This communication should be clear and timely, and include which teams, if any, may still be training.

Communication Channels:

The relevant Director/s or nominated person/s should utilise appropriate communication channels to ensure efficient dissemination of cancellation information. These may include, in order of priority (one or more could be used):

- a. Messaging Groups
- b. Website or Social Media
- c. Email

Review and Update:

This rain and storm policy should be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Any necessary updates or improvements should be made to address changing circumstances or needs.

By following this policy and its procedures, we aim to maintain a safe and enjoyable lacrosse training environment while keeping all stakeholders well-informed about cancellations due to rain and storms.