

# Ennis Hockey Club

## Bad Weather Procedure

### Thunder and Lightning

- Lightning can strike in different ways and it can strike buildings, structures, such as pitch lighting, individuals and groups of people.
- The strike will have taken place before anyone is aware of the situation. This is because the 'flash of lightning' and then 'noise of thunder' both occur after the strike has actually taken place.
- A person hit with lightning will fall to the ground immediately.
- In the event of thunder and lightning training will be cancelled.
- In the event of thunder and lightning play will either be delayed or abandoned by the umpires.
- Play can resume after a period of at least 30 minutes after the thunder and lightning has stopped.

### Heavy Rain, Frost and Snow

- Heavy localised rainfall is another health and safety risk where pitches can become flooded, slippery and hockey sticks can fly out of hands, in this case training will be cancelled.
- Frozen pitches should not be played on because they are slippery and playing on a frozen AstroTurf pitch damages the plastic fibres by snapping them off. In this situation training will be canceled.
- Play should not take place on snow or hail stone covered pitches because they become slippery, footwear becomes clogged with ice and snow and there is a danger that hockey sticks will fly out of players' hands. Also, the pitch surface is in danger of being damaged. At this point training will be cancelled.
- Hockey should not be played in high winds, typically an orange or especially a red warning because there is a danger of the goal posts blowing over or debris being blown around.

Yellow	Not unusual weather. Localized danger.	Training will take place
Orange	Infrequent. Dangerous/disruptive.	<b>Training will be cancelled</b>
Red	Rare. Extremely dangerous/destructive	<b>Training will be cancelled</b>

