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SOUTH WEST LEAGUES  
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### **Registration Transfer Deadline**

The Transfer Deadline this season is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**, therefore all registration paperwork must be received by the following dates:

- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February for standard 7-day**
- **12 noon Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for expedited**

This means that all registration papers are present and correct by those times as any incomplete applications may result in the player missing the Transfer Deadline.

Full details can be found in regulation 14 -

[https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/32/72/36/RFURegulation14\\_English.pdf](https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/32/72/36/RFURegulation14_English.pdf)

### **What to do when bad weather is on the way.....**

The key to dealing with postponements is COMMUNICATION, this includes the League Secretary. If the weather is likely to cause a problem with the fixture ensure that:-

- 1) Your opponents are aware of a potential problem and establish what their travel plans are to avoid, if at all possible, a wasted journey.
- 2) If there is any doubt about the suitability of the pitch ensure a referee inspects it to prevent problems later.
- 3) If all else fails and the game is off ensure you let your League Secretary and the Results Service (01822 678007) know as soon as possible and in any event by 3.30pm on the day of the game.
- 4) Prepare for the re-arranged game. Both clubs will be sent a letter with a new date - which will be the next available weekend. The fixture section of the RFU website will also carry details of the new dates within 48 hours of the original Saturday. In some cases the game could be rescheduled for the following weekend if that is the next available weekend.
- 5) Note SW Administrative Rule 4.4

*Where a match is postponed due to weather at the same venue for a second time the SW Committee may order the game to be played on the third attempt at a different ground to be agreed or specified by the SW Committee. This may be at a neutral venue or at the opposition's ground*

### **Points Deductions**

Clubs are reminded that under South West Admin Instruction 8 where a club fails to fulfil a fixture, plays an unregistered player or is subject to any other sanction which involves the deduction of points after the end of season transfer deadline, the League Secretary may decide to carry such deductions over to the start of the following season.

Where a decision is made to carry over points, clubs will be informed and, as usual, the right to ask for a review.