

## **Playermade Outdoor Sessions Weather Policy**

### **Purpose**

This policy outlines the procedures and protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants during outdoor training sessions at Playermade. It aims to provide clear guidelines regarding how weather conditions will impact sessions and what steps will be taken to ensure safety.

### **General Policy**

Outdoor training sessions will proceed as scheduled unless specific weather conditions necessitate changes.

Please note that not all-weather conditions are unplayable or unsafe. Football is an outdoor sport, and we are exposed to and expect some discomfort or disturbance in weather. However, when weather conditions become unsafe, we will act. Bad weather that is deemed safe can often be managed with appropriate clothing, changes of clothing, hats, and sun cream.

The following protocols will be enforced to address various weather conditions which are deemed to be extreme.

### **Weather Conditions Protocol**

#### **1. Lightning**

- Any sighting of lightning will result in an immediate halt to the session.
- Participants must seek shelter in a safe location.
- If lightning persists for more than 10 minutes, the session will be cancelled.

#### **2. Hail**

- Heavy hail will lead to an immediate cessation of the session.
- Participants should seek shelter immediately.
- If conditions improve within 10 minutes, the session may resume. Otherwise, the session will be cancelled.

#### **3. Disturbing Winds**

- If winds pose a safety risk (e.g., knocking down equipment), the session will stop.
- Participants must seek shelter.
- The aim is to resume within 10 minutes if conditions improve.

#### **4. Rain**

- If the pitch becomes flooded or heavy rain causes severe disruption, participants should seek shelter.
- We aim to resume the session within 10 minutes if conditions improve.

#### **5. Extreme Heat**

- In instances of extreme heat, we will allocate drink breaks to ensure hydration.
- It is recommended that participants wear hats to protect against the sun.

#### **5. Extreme Cold**

- In instances of cold temperatures, we will aim to ensure the participant is kept moving as much as possible.
- It is recommended that participants wear hats, gloves, snoods and any other layers of clothing to help maintain the heat to protect against the cold conditions.

**Session Duration Considerations**

- If a session runs for 30 minutes or more, the full fee will apply.
- Adjustments may be made in future sessions to compensate for lost time, scheduling permitting, potentially during school holidays.
- If a session cannot proceed for a total of 30 minutes or more, it will be cancelled at no charge.

**Communication**

- Coaches will determine whether the session can continue based on weather conditions.
- Parents and participants are responsible for monitoring weather conditions and ensuring appropriate attire for training unless notified of changes.
- Parents, guardians, or responsible adults are responsible for their own safety and have the opportunity to cancel at their own discretion. However, our 24-hour cancellation policy will apply and stand should we deem the session safe enough to go ahead.
- We advise parents to remain onsite, particularly in conditions of bad weather. The first point of call for seeking shelter for the participant is with their parent or an appropriate adult.
- Coaches will be responsible for their own safety and well-being and will collect participants from their parent or guardian when it is safe to do so.
- For any inquiries or concerns, please contact us at [admin@playermade.co.uk](mailto:admin@playermade.co.uk) or call our emergency contact number at 0116 210 3621.

**Cancellation Policy**

- Our standard 24-hour cancellation policy remains in effect. Please ensure any cancellations where you have concerns relating to the weather are communicated within this timeframe. As failing to do so may result in loss of session.

**Safety First**

- The safety of all participants is our top priority. If there are any safety concerns due to weather conditions, training sessions will be cancelled without hesitation.

This policy aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants during outdoor training sessions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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## **OFFSITE RISK ASSESSMENT**

Assessment Overview Location: Judgemeanow Community College, Marydene Drive, Leicester LE5 GHP

Assessor: Curtis McCabe

Date: 01.10.225

Health and Safety Officer: Curtis McCabe

Contact: 0116 210 3621

### **HAZARDS IDENTIFIED**

1. Natural Hazards - Slips, trips, and falls - Adverse weather conditions (sun, wind, rain, thunder, lightning)
2. Animal-Related Hazards - Bite, scratch, sting, allergic reaction, or serious injury by loose animals
3. Emergency Situations - Fire or emergency evacuation - Getting lost/loss of goods
4. Inappropriate Interaction - Inappropriate interactions among participants or visitors - Behavioural expectations - Anti-bullying policies
5. Health Risks - Spread of infections/germs - Medical emergencies
6. Child Protection and Safeguarding - Ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants, particularly minors.

### **CONTROL MEASURES**

#### **General Safety Measures**

Supervision: Constant supervision of participants is maintained at all times.

Medical Information: Collect and know medical information for all participants present.

Parental Notification: Parents must notify staff of any required epinephrine auto-injectors or medications ahead of time.

Emergency Protocols: Emergency evacuation protocols will be obtained from the venue and communicated to all participants. Natural Hazards

Environmental Awareness: Regular scanning of surrounding areas for potential hazards.

Weather Preparedness Suitable weather protection (e.g., sunscreen, hats, waterproof clothing) must be brought and worn.

Weather Monitoring: Coaches will monitor weather forecasts and notify parents of any changes as soon as possible.

Animal-Related Hazards - Qualified First Aider: A first aid qualified coach will be on site at all times.

Incident Reporting: All accidents/near misses must be logged on the sessional register and reported to the health and safety officer.

Strict Animal Policy: A strict policy of no feeding or stroking any animals will be enforced.

#### **Emergency Situations**

Emergency Evacuation: All participants will be inducted on emergency evacuation procedures upon arrival.

Fire Protocol: Clear fire exits will remain accessible and visible at all times. Inappropriate Interaction

Communication Tools: Appropriate communication tools and tactics will be promoted prior to the session.

Reporting Protocols: Participants will be instructed to report any issues or concerns regarding members of the public immediately to a coach or parent.

#### Health Risks

First Aid Availability: First aid kit available onsite to manage minor injuries; all coaches are first aid trained.

Hygiene Practices: Hand-washing and sanitizing stations will be available; participants are advised to bring individual hand sanitizer.

Child Protection and Safeguarding - DBS Checks: All staff, including coaches, must undergo Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks prior to employment.

Safeguarding Training: Staff will be trained in safeguarding policies and procedures to recognise and respond to concerns.

Documentation - Document all incidents in the sessional register, noting the time, nature of the incident, actions taken, and any follow-up required. - Include details of any communication with parents or emergency services.

Post-Incident Follow-Up - Conduct a debriefing session with staff after any incidents to review the response and identify improvements needed for future incidents.

Follow up with affected individuals and their parents to check on their well-being.

Assessor Signature: C McCabe

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