



Extreme Weather Policy

1. Policy Statement

The increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather in the UK has seen incidents of heatwaves, heavy rainfall, storms and flooding having a major impact on the health and well-being of the population. Extreme weather can affect not just our buildings and infrastructure but the activities we participate in. It is important for those hosting, organising, participating in, and spectating at dodgeball events to give due consideration to the risks associated with extreme weather.

2. Objectives

The aim of this policy is to ensure that clubs, teams and participants know what procedures are in place should instances of extreme weather impact British Dodgeball events and/or league rounds.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Any British Dodgeball stakeholder, including its board members, directors, officers, and those of its employees who are involved in any aspect of interacting with customers or members in any capacity;
- All members of British Dodgeball (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues) or otherwise under the jurisdiction of British Dodgeball;
- All players and spectators and those otherwise involved in Events, Competitions, and other activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by British Dodgeball or any of its members (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever held; and
- Any other Person British Dodgeball has authority; whether or not such person is a citizen of or resident in the United Kingdom.

4. Our Responsibilities

- Conduct a Risk Assessment for each event and league round;
- Provide any necessary pre-event information so that participants can be prepared; and
- Prioritise the safety of participants over any venue refund or cancellation policies;

In Cases of Extreme Weather

- If there is a chance the weather could cause the cancellation of an event, British Dodgeball will put all teams and clubs on standby by notifying participating teams and clubs 24 hours before the event is due to start;
- In the event of cancellation, British Dodgeball will always aim to notify clubs and teams via email and social media do so in a timely manner to avoid unnecessary or unsafe journeys for participants and staff;
- In the event of a Red or Amber Weather Warning impacting over 50% of the teams/clubs competing at an event or league round, the event or league round will be cancelled or postponed;
- In the event of a Red or Amber Weather Warning at the location of the event or league round, the event or league round will be cancelled or postponed;
- In the event of a Red or Amber Weather Warning impacting less than 50% of the teams/clubs competing at an event or league round, the event or league round will go ahead. When this impacts a league round, British Dodgeball will follow the Unplayed Fixture Protocol below; and
- In the event of a British Dodgeball Open or single day event being cancelled, British Dodgeball will attempt to rearrange the event on another date during the current season. This may not always be possible.



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5. Club & Participant Responsibilities

- Trust your judgment and use common sense when deciding whether to attend an event or league round. The safety of all participants should be the top priority during any period of extreme weather.
- In the days before the event, keep an eye on the weather forecasts at the specific location of the event and that of your route of travel with the [Met Office](#).
- Inform British Dodgeball as early as possible by emailing hello@britishdodgeball.com, highlighting your concerns with relation to your local area and/or travelling to the event or league round.
 - Please note that you should not wait for a reply before making your decision as a club or team as to whether it is safe for you to travel to the event or league round.

6. Un-played Fixture Protocol

When a fixture is not played due to extreme weather, one of the following options will be decided by the British Dodgeball Management Committee. Options are in preference order:

1. Un-played match to be rescheduled at the next available match slot at a future league round (if slots are still available). In the event of there being more fixtures to rearrange than available slots the British Dodgeball Management Committee will determine the match to be played. The committee will prioritise the match impact on the final league table positions as well as aiming to achieve an equal number of fixtures for all.
2. Un-played match to be recorded as a 0-0 draw, where both teams are awarded 1 point.
3. If the un-played match is in the first half of the league season, the reverse fixture result will be recorded twice.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation

We are committed to implementing, monitoring and evaluating this strategy as part of our commitment to keeping all people safe as a priority, with mechanisms in place in case of extreme weather conditions.

Implementation plans will be reviewed by British Dodgeball on a regular basis to monitor and evaluate progress against the strategy. Where appropriate, we will make adjustments in line with updated legislation.

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