



CRICKET WHANGANUI

WET WEATHER & COVERS PROCESS

Junior and Senior Club Cricket

Wet weather decisions and Victoria Park covers

Season 2026/27

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This process applies to all junior and senior club cricket run by Cricket Whanganui, and to all users of Victoria Park this season. Keeping our blocks in the best condition for play needs every club's help.

2. Wet Weather Decisions

- 2.1 Cricket Whanganui's Wet Weather Group makes all decisions on the fitness of grounds, pitches, and weather for play up until 11am on match day. Clubs do not make these morning calls.
- 2.2 From 11am, where official umpires are appointed to a match, all decisions on the fitness of the pitch, ground, weather, and light are in the hands of the umpires. The umpires shall not abandon play without the consent of both captains.
- 2.3 From 11am, where there are no official umpires, both captains decide together whether to suspend or abandon play. If the captains cannot agree, the existing situation continues.
- 2.4 Before the start of, or during, play, the Wet Weather Group may overrule the umpires if it considers that damage may occur to the playing surface if play continues.
- 2.5 These decisions follow the playing conditions for each grade.

3. Wet Weather Communication

- 3.1 All wet weather notices for junior and senior cricket are posted in the Cricket Whanganui wet weather WhatsApp group. This is a messaging only group. Please join using the link in Reference Links.

4. Friday Pitch Covering

- 4.1 If rain is likely before 3pm on Friday, Cricket Whanganui will cover the pitches.
- 4.2 If rain is possible after 3pm, the covers and hessians will be placed next to the relevant blocks on Friday afternoon for clubs to cover the pitches.
- 4.3 The HOME TEAM is responsible for covering the pitch if rain is forecast on Friday night.
- 4.4 Please note that Kiwi Cricket runs from 5pm to 6pm each Friday.

5. Saturday Morning Uncovering

- 5.1 The HOME TEAM is responsible for uncovering the pitch on Saturday. Away teams are strongly encouraged to help.

6. After the Match

- 6.1 At the end of play for both clubs, the covers must be folded, secured, and returned to the pavilion.
- 6.2 A video showing how to roll a large cover properly is in Reference Links.

7. Sunday Pitch Use

- 7.1 If a pitch is scheduled for use on Sunday, the Community Cricket Development Manager will tell teams through the WhatsApp group by Friday afternoon whether the pitch should be re-covered after your match.

8. Groundsman

- 8.1 Clubs must follow ALL directions given by Stu Belk, groundsman, in relation to pitches, covers, and hessians.

9. Reference Links

- [Cricket Whanganui wet weather WhatsApp group \(join link\)](#)
- [How to roll a large cover \(video\)](#)