



Thursday 10th March, 2022

MEDIA ALERT

Heat wave forces relocation of Townsville Fire home game

Unprecedented hot weather has forced the relocation of this weekend's JCU Townsville Fire home game to Townsville Stadium.

The clash against the Southside Flyers was originally scheduled to be played at the Fire Pit at Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre (TECC) at 7pm this Saturday. It will now instead be played at Townsville Stadium at 12pm on Sunday March 13.

Record breaking temperatures have resulted in TECC's air-conditioner producing excess levels of condensation causing moisture on the court and making it unsafe to be played on.

The Ville Resort-Casino CEO Michael Jones said it was disappointing the game had to be relocated but the safety of the Townsville Fire players and the public was the first priority.

"We've never come across this issue before but unfortunately the extreme temperatures Townsville has been experiencing has resulted in the TECC air-conditioner not operating optimally," he said.

"We're monitoring the weather closely and will assess if any future games need to be relocated.

"We're looking forward to welcoming JCU Townsville Fire back to their home court at TECC soon."

As Townsville continues to swelter through some of its hottest March temperatures in 80 years, a similar situation unfolded in Sydney. Last month a WNBL match at Brydens Stadium in Sydney had to be relocated after humid conditions caused issues with condensation making the court unsafe.

JCU Townsville Fire General Manager Sam Pascoe said they were grateful the game could still go ahead at a different venue.

"This WNBL season continues to be a collection of unprecedented situations and this heat wave is no exception," she said

"The move to the Fire Pit has been a great one with the game day experience lifting to a whole new level.

"We are fortunate to have another venue to move to and I would like to express my thanks to Townsville City Council for their help and support to ensure we are still able to play the Southside Flyers this weekend.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at Townsville Stadium this weekend and we appreciate the Fire family's understanding and support."

Deputy Mayor Mark Molachino said Townsville City Council was pleased that it could provide a back-up venue for the game on Sunday.

"Fans are very familiar with Townsville Stadium as a venue for Fire games and it's great that we can use this space again for this weekend's match-up," Cr Molachino said.

The game will be played at Townsville Stadium on Sunday 13th March, 2022 at 12pm, with the curtain raiser tipping off at 11am and all tickets for the game are transferable.

Doors will open at 10:30am. There will be a canteen and food trucks operational at the venue.



For current members and ticketholders, your tickets will be reissued via email after 2pm Friday, 11 March to Townsville Stadium.

If you have enquiries, please contact Townsville Fire on 4729 0091 or email community@townsvillefire.com.au

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