



Mary Peters Track Adverse Weather Policy

The Mondo surface at the Mary Peters Track is a non-porous material, which can freeze easily causing risk to athletes and coaches. In the event of adverse weather the following procedures will apply:

The track can freeze rapidly, and even when salted any retained water can remain frozen. Track staff will endeavour to salt the track in advance of any forecast freezing temperatures to try and prevent the track from freezing.

If, after salting, the track remains frozen it will be closed until such times as the surface thaws sufficiently to allow safe access. The track can be salted a maximum of twice daily, but excess salting will compromise the Mondo surface and cause erosion.

In the case of snow, where feasible parts of the track will be cleared and then salted to allow limited training, but impacted snow and ice may not melt for a number of days. The track will remain closed if it is not possible to thaw the ice and make it safe.

Once track staff have risk assessed the track and decided to close it the situation will be monitored at regular intervals throughout the day. If the ice or snow doesn't clear then the track will remain closed. No-one other than track staff will be permitted access to the track to try and clear the ice or snow. Anyone going against the advice of the track staff will face being banned from the track.

Our priority is to keep the track safe for all users, and while we understand it is frustrating to have the track closed due to the weather we are not prepared to risk injury to our users.

Please note that track memberships will not be refunded or rebated due to the track being closed.

We also ask users to be aware that the road down to the track can also be treacherous during adverse weather. Belfast City Council will salt the road, but it can also be very icy and slippery. During heavy winds there is risk of falling branches from the overhanging trees.

Track users should check in advance if they are unsure whether the track will be open or not. Please ring the office on 028 9060 0870, email info@marypeterstrack.com or check the website www.marypeterstrack.com.