



RANDWICK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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The Randwick Netball Association (RNA) competition is played outdoors on all weather asphalt courts. To minimise unnecessary disruption to the competition draw and to ensure participants are given every opportunity to play netball, RNA's preference, if possible, is to not cancel games. While games will not be called off solely because it is raining, player/umpire safety is paramount. If the courts at Heffron Park are deemed to be unsafe, matches will be postponed and Club Secretary advised accordingly.

1. The decision to cancel matches will be made by the RNA Executive Committee (comprising of Executive member/s on duty). Decisions regarding cancellation of games may be made by each timeslot or alternatively morning games or afternoon games (not each age category). If the weather is severe, the whole day may be cancelled and Club Secretary advised.
2. During wet weather, matches will only be cancelled for the safety of players and match officials. Correct footwear should be worn to cope with wet weather conditions and match cancellations will not be based on player/umpire/spectator comfort.
3. Based on information received from local and state weather authorities a decision may be made to cancel activities. The consideration of safety will take into account the following:
 - a. amount and intensity of rain/hail;
 - b. thunderstorm activity with lightning;
 - c. water volume on the courts;
 - d. lack of grip on court; and
 - e. player age level on court.
4. This decision will not be made until the playing surfaces and forecasts have been assessed. Player safety is always the primary concern. Depending on the forecast, the decision to play later timeslots may be reviewed throughout the day and information will be updated in line with changes in playing conditions.
5. Wherever practical, advanced notice will be posted on the RNA website and Facebook. If there is no notification on the RNA website or Facebook, teams should report to the courts.
6. Once play has commenced, and in accordance with the Official Rules of Netball, the RNA Executive may stop play in times of extreme weather. If the game is called off at or after half-time, the scores will stand and the team with the highest score will be declared the winner. The score at the time the match is abandoned is taken to be the final score.
7. If play ceases before half time, the match shall be considered abandoned and no points awarded.
8. In the event that games are cancelled, or called off before half-time, matches will be rescheduled to a forward date. These games will be half (½) hour games.
9. If two (2) or more rounds are cancelled consecutively, the half games would be scheduled forward with all rounds to be played.
10. If round 14 games are cancelled, then they will be played the following week, and therefore will delay the final series by a week.
11. During the final series, wet weather games may be played Sunday.