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RNA reserves the right to cancel, postpone or modify matches or activity due to adverse weather conditions whilst ensuring a duty of care for the health and safety of participants involved.

RNA refers to the Netball NSW Adverse Weather policy definitions and conditions as guidance in the decision-making process.

If the decision by RNA is to continue in adverse weather, parents/carers have the right as individuals to withdraw a player should they feel it is unsafe for the player to continue. If a team is unable to continue with a minimum of five (5) players, they will be required to forfeit, and points awarded to the opposing team.

The 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, the 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 Secretaries advised accordingly.

a) The decision to cancel matches will be made by a minimum of three (3) RNA Executive (comprising of Executive member/s on duty, or where possible; President, Senior Competition Coordinator, Junior Competition Coordinator). Decisions regarding cancellation of games may be made by each timeslot or alternatively morning games or afternoon games (not by age category). If the weather is severe, the whole day may be cancelled, and Club Secretaries advised

(b) During wet weather, matches will only be cancelled for the safety of players and match officials.

(c) Based on information received from local and state weather authorities a decision may be made to cancel play due to the following:

(i) amount and intensity of rain/hail;
(ii) thunderstorm activity with lightning;
(iii) water volume on the courts;
(iv) lack of grip on court; and
(v) player age level on court.

(d) Wherever practical, advanced notice will be posted on the RNA website, Facebook and Club Secretaries notified. If there is no notification on the RNA website or Facebook, teams should report to the courts.

(e) 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 halftime, 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.

(f) If play ceases before half time, the match shall be considered abandoned, and no points awarded. In the event that games are cancelled, or called off before half-time, matches will be rescheduled. These games will be half (½) games.

(g) If two (2) or more rounds are cancelled consecutively, the half games would be scheduled forward with all rounds to be played.

(h) If round 14 matches cannot be played, a date will be nominated, which can include one of the following options:

(i) Sunday
(ii) Matches will be played the following week and therefore will delay the final series;
(iii) Equal points could be awarded; or
(iv) All matches declared abandoned, and no points awarded.

(i) During the final series, wet weather cancellations will be rescheduled. Rescheduling may occur with one of the following options

(i) Sunday;
(ii) Week later; or
(iii) Date to be advised.