



PARRAMATTA AUBURN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

WET WEATHER GUIDELINES

The decision to halt all play or cancel all matches during any time slot because of wet weather lies with the PANA Executive and a committee member from each affiliated club.

Decisions made before the start of play will generally be done between the President and Vice President. This decision will be updated on the website, Facebook page as soon as possible. The Association Secretary will notify club secretaries and all service providers.

Decisions made at the courts should involve at least 3 Executive members and one committee member of each affiliated club.

As a general rule, play will continue unless the rain is persistent and heavy (please check the weather map for position and direction of rain). The courts are all weather courts and have been designed to be played on in wet conditions. If the risk assessment prior to the start of play indicates that the courts have excessive mud or debris on them then this must be taken into consideration when making a decision about playing matches in wet conditions.

Play will continue through light rain or a passing shower, even if that shower is heavy.

Play will be stopped if there is lightning and hail in the area, regardless of whether it is raining or not.

The Executive, will as far as conditions allow, aim to complete play or at least secure a result (at least half time).

In the event of wet weather, if a team chooses to forfeit a game after the Executive Committee and affiliated club delegate has made a decision to continue play, they will not be fined. However, in all cases they are expected to take the court and assess the conditions before nominating to forfeit the game. The team receiving a forfeit will receive two competition points.

If both teams decide to abandon the game before half time then it will be treated as a draw and each team will receive one competition point. In the case of a joint decision to abandon play after half time then the team who was winning at half time will receive two competition points.

The Executive should remind all teams in wet weather that they have the option of choosing to forfeit a game. The team forfeiting the game or the mutual decision to abandon must be noted on the scoresheet, together with the point in the game at which play was abandoned, prior to it being returned to the window.

Where possible wet weather games will be made up. In the event that the round is not replayed no teams in that grade will be awarded points.

Where a grade has partially played a round and remaining games in the grade are cancelled due to wet weather, the remaining teams must complete that round at a time deemed appropriate by the Competition Committee.

Netball NSW have a policy on Adverse Weather Conditions which PANA will also refer to, below is the link.

<http://nsw.netball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2013/10/Netball-NSW-Adverse-Weather-Conditions-Policy-V1.pdf>