



# Melbourne East Netball Association

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## Adverse Weather Policy

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**Policy Date:** March 2021  
**Policy Name:** Adverse Weather Policy  
**Committee Responsible:** Executive Committee

### Policy Statement:

During weather events, matches will only be rescheduled:

- by the Competition Coordinator on duty in conjunction with the Umpire Coordinator on duty for the safety of players and match officials
- on a timeslot by timeslot basis

### Guidelines:

Netball is traditionally an outdoor/all weather sport and our preference is not to reschedule games. However, player/umpire safety is paramount and if the courts are deemed to be unsafe, matches will be rescheduled and moved to half games indoors. During periods of lightning, games will be suspended until safe to resume. Match rescheduling will not be based on player/umpire/spectator comfort – only safety. Our court surface is Synpave, a flexible gripping surface which reduces the risk of slipping therefore games will not be rescheduled simply because it is raining.

It is the responsibility of the player to ensure **that correct footwear is worn.**

Games may be shortened to allow for court drying equipment to be used by club volunteers prior to games and during game breaks.

### Procedures resulting from the Policy:

The decision to reschedule matches must be made round by round by the Competition Coordinator and the Umpire Coordinator on duty at the venue.

The consideration of **safety** will take into account many factors, including:

- Amount and intensity of rain, sleet, hail;
- Thunderstorm activity with lightning;
- Water volume on the courts;
- Lack of grip on the court;
- Temperature at the commencement of games.

While MENA may determine a particular timeslot, Clubs/players must also take responsibility for the safety of their players.

All teams should report to the courts at their fixtured time and they will be notified of any rescheduling.



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### Hot Weather

If at the start of a match the air temperature exceeds 28 degrees, each quarter will be reduced to 8 minutes, quarter time breaks increased to 3 minutes, and the half time break increased to 5 minutes.

If at the start of any Age Groups match, the air temperature exceeds 34 degrees, the matches will be rescheduled.

**Rescheduled games will be played as per competition rules.**

### Cold Weather

NetSetGo players can wear black leggings and/or black or club coloured long sleeves during the colder weather. All players in the team should wear the same colour.

For all other age groups if at the start of a match the air temperature is below 10 degrees, according to the temperature gauge at the venue, then player and match official uniform may be varied.

The following change to a player's and match officials' uniforms is allowed for the duration of the match:

- Players can wear BLACK only tights/leggings/skins under their standard uniform and/or approved club coloured long sleeves.
- A player's skirt or shorts must still be worn over the tights/leggings/skins.
- No other types of long pants can be worn, including tracksuit pants or pants with pockets this is a safety requirement.
- Umpires are to enforce the cold weather uniform rules as per the standard uniform rules.
- Umpires can wear black or white tights/leggings/skins/tracksuit pants.

### **Games rescheduled:**

Indoor fixture will be completed first then outdoor fixture games.

### **Related policies:**

Sun Protection Policy  
Netball Victoria Sun Smart Policy

### **Policy Review Date:**

March 2023 Committee Meeting