



Gladstone Netball Association

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Gladstone Netball Association (GNA) Wet Weather - Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the management of wet weather conditions at GNA competitions, ensuring the safety of players, officials, and spectators while maintaining consistency with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia policies and procedures.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all games, competitions, training sessions, and events conducted under the authority of GNA.

3. Policy Statement

GNA is committed to providing a safe playing environment for all participants. In accordance with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia's risk management frameworks, decisions regarding wet weather will prioritise:

- Player and umpire safety
- Court surface conditions
- Lightning and severe weather risks
- Travel safety for participants and officials

4. Responsibilities

- GNA Executive/Competition Committee will make the final decision regarding cancellation, postponement, or continuation of games due to wet weather.
- Umpires have the authority to stop or suspend a game if conditions become unsafe (e.g., slippery courts, lightning).
- Team Officials are responsible for ensuring their players are prepared for possible schedule changes and comply with decisions made.

5. Communication

- GNA will notify clubs, teams, and officials of any wet weather decisions through:
 - GNA Email to Clubs
 - Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
 - Email or text notifications via Netball Connect App
- Updates will be provided as early as possible to minimise inconvenience to players and families.



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6. Decision-Making Process

1. Pre-Game Assessment

- Court inspections will be conducted by GNA officials prior to the commencement of play.
- Weather warnings (e.g., lightning, storms, heavy rain) will be monitored using the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and relevant apps.
- Decisions will be communicated via GNA's official communication channels (website, social media, team contacts).

2. During Games

- If conditions deteriorate, the umpire may suspend play.
- In cases of lightning, GNA follows Netball Australia's Lightning Safety Guidelines, requiring a 30/30 rule (play stops if lightning is within 30 seconds of thunder, and resumes only after 30 minutes without lightning).

3. Postponement / Cancellation

- If games are cancelled prior to start, Fixture round will be abandoned and each team awarded 1 point each
- If a game is abandoned after commencement:
 1. If game is abandoned prior to half time – each team will be awarded 1 point each
 2. If game is abandoned in the 3rd or 4th QTR, Points will go to the team that has the lead at the time of abandonment.

7. Reference Documents

This policy has been developed with reference to:

- Netball Australia Risk Management Policy
- Netball Australia Lightning Safety Guidelines
- Netball Queensland Competition and Participation Policies
- GNA Competition Rules and Regulations

8. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually prior to the commencement of each winter competition season, or earlier if changes occur in Netball Queensland or Netball Australia policies.