



WET WEATHER POLICY

Netball is traditionally an outdoor sport and our preference is to NOT cancel games. However, player/umpire safety is paramount. This decision is made ROUND by ROUND by Devon Netball Association Committee present at the time at the Marj Kerslake Netball Centre. A decision will not be made more than one hour prior to the scheduled start time for the round. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook / Twitter as soon as a decision has been made.

Our court surface is an acrylic hard court sports surface that is suitable for outdoor locations. Regardless of the weather, this surface provides traction in both wet and dry conditions. It is important for players to wear rubber soled shoes.

Our Guidelines

1. Matches will be routinely cancelled in the event of HEAVY rain, hail and/or lightning.
2. Games will not be cancelled because it is cold.
3. Match cancellations will not be based on player/umpire/spectators comfort – only safety.
4. Ultimately if parents/coaches do not agree with our informed decisions, they have the option to prevent players from playing or forfeiting their match.
5. ACCEPTABLE RISK? When playing any sport you are voluntarily exposing yourself to a variety of risks for the sake of fun. YOU must decide whether the risks you choose to take are ACCEPTABLE risks for you/your child.
6. If players/coaches wish to forfeit their match they are free to do so. If both teams agree no points will be given. If only one team wishes to forfeit then the other team will receive the points for the game.
7. If parents do not want their children to play for whatever reason, they obviously have that option. “Peer pressure” is less relevant than your child’s perceived safety.
8. Please do not question our legal and moral responsibilities OR our “insurance cover”. Our decision will always be a balance between the enthusiasm of players who generally want to play and their health and safety, which is paramount.
9. Final decision to cancel will not be made more than one hour prior to the start of any roster.
10. Notification of cancellation will be via Facebook. Saturday roster cancellations will be posted at 8am, Tuesday and Wednesday roster cancellations will be posted at 6pm, if a decision has been finalised. Individual messages regarding cancellations will not be answered.

CONTINUE	CANCEL
Light Drizzle	Continuous driving rain (including hail)
Intermittent rain	Activity surface is slippery due to excess water – when sweeping doesn’t assist the surface
Intermittent heavy rain	Frost and/or ice on the activity surface
Activity surface is wet or slippery – sweep away	Heavy fog
Water pooling on activity surface – sweep away	Snow (light or heavy)

Policy promotion

The club will promote this policy by:

- Putting a copy of the policy on the club website, social media and having a copy available to all members in the Policy File in the office.
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms.

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Signature

Signed: _____

Chairperson

Signed: _____

Secretary

Date: _____

Date: _____

Next policy review date is November 18, 2018

ENQUIRES

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