Devon Netball Policy Document

Wet Weather Policy

Date of Committee Approval:	September 10, 2026
Responsibility:	Devon Netball Association Committee
Author:	Kim Gillies
Date Policy Takes Effect:	October 12, 2026

Table of Contents

1. Introduction 2
2. Purpose 2
3. Guidelines 2
4. Procedure 3
5. Policy promotion 4
6. Signature & date approved 4

Devon Netball Policy Document

Introduction

Devon Netball Association recognises that adverse weather conditions present some level of risk that can harm the performance and health of participants. Continuing to play netball in adverse weather conditions can place participants at risk of injury.
Devon Netball Association aims to provide a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires, committee and spectators.
Our court surface is an acrylic hard-court sports surface that is suitable for outdoor locations. This surface provides traction in both wet and dry conditions. It is important for players to wear rubber soled shoes.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear cancellation guidelines for committee members and administration during adverse weather conditions including rain, hail, snow, fog, lightning.

Guidelines

1. Matches will be routinely cancelled in the event of the above adverse weather conditions.
2. Match cancellations or continuation of games will be based on player/umpire/spectators' safety, not comfort.
3. If players or coaches do not agree with our informed decision, they have the option to forfeit their match.
4. If both teams agree to forfeit no points will be given. If only one team wishes to forfeit, then the other team will receive the points for the game, score will be recorded as 20-0
5. Once Players are on court, it is agreed that they, along with their coaches and parents, accept the risks of playing netball.
6. Final decision to cancel will be made one hour prior to the start of any game
7. Notification of cancellation will be via Facebook.
8. Individual messages regarding cancellations will not be answered.
9. Cancelled games will not be replayed or postponed.

Marj Kerslake Netball Centre | Mersey Main Road | Spreyton 7310
ABN: 95 586 235 395 | Incorporated in Tasmania: 01682C

Devon Netball Policy Document

Procedure

1. If you rostered for office duty, you need to liaise with the administration and the executive committee to decide to cancel or not.
2. Check the Bureau of Meteorology for the latest information via their web site www.bom.gov.au
3. Assess the severity of the conditions, by using the table and information below

CONTINUE	CANCEL
Light Drizzle	Continuous driving rain (including hail)
Intermittent rain	Court 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
court surface is wet or slippery – sweep away	Heavy fog
Water pooling on activity surface – sweep away	Snow (light or heavy)

4. Send a message to the committee messenger group, create a poll if needed
5. Once assessed, If the decision to cancel is made, either the admin or committee member on duty will create a Facebook post to inform members of the cancellation.
6. Aim to put post up at least one hour before game starting time.
7. Share the post to the Development group chats if necessary
8. Repeat the procedure for any other games scheduled for later in the day/evening.

Marj Kerslake Netball Centre | Mersey Main Road | Spreyton 7310
ABN: 95 586 235 395 | Incorporated in Tasmania: 01682C

Devon Netball Policy Document

Policy promotion

The club will promote this policy by:

- Putting a copy of the policy on the club website for viewing
- Having a copy of the policy available to be printed if required.

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: _____ Signed: _____

President Secretary

Date: 08/10/2026 Date: 08/10/2026

Enquiries

EMAIL: admin@devonnetball.com.au