



ADVERSE WEATEHR POLICY

THE POLICY

1. Overview

- 1.1 Policy Type: Competitions;
- 1.2 Person Responsible for the Policy: Noranda Netball Association Umpire Development Officer;
- 1.3 Policy Created: August 2022;
- 1.4 Policy Last Updated: January 2025;
- 1.5 Policy Approved By: Noranda Netball Association Committee;
- 1.6 Policy Scheduled Review: Noranda Netball Association Committee Policy Meeting 2026.

2. Objectives

- 1.1 The policy is to ensure that Noranda Netball Association (NNA) provides effective management guidelines in the event of the need to delay or cancel all or parts of the competition and/or altering the duration of game times and breaks on match days due to dangerous weather:
 - NNA has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires and spectators, to meet our duty of care and to reduce the potential of injury;
 - Although it is preferable that games are not cancelled the safety of members is paramount;
 - This policy is not applicable to inclement weather- e.g normal Winter conditions.

3. How the Policy Works

- 2.1 At the discretion of the Association's President, Umpiring Development Officer, and/or other Committee Members a timeslot or round may be cancelled due to dangerous weather in the immediate vicinity of the Noranda Sporting Complex. The applicable NNA Committee members will make the decision on whether matches are delayed, shortened or cancelled.

4. The Policy

- 4.1 Dangerous (Severe) weather can include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Electrical Storm;
 - High Winds;
 - Hailstorm;
 - Heavy Rainfall which may cause flash flooding;
 - Extreme Heat.

THE PROCESS

- 4.2 The process by the NNA Committee for consideration to delay, shorten or cancel all or any part of a match shall be:
 - 4.2.1 Regularly check the weather warnings via the BOM website using the below assessment tools throughout the day of competition:
 - The Bureau of Meteorology weather warnings
 - The Bureau of Meteorology radar
 - The Bureau of Meteorology Wind Doppler
 - The Bureau of Meterology (BOM) ambient and WBGT reading
 - 4.2.2 NNA will specify time periods for review (e.g. 2hours or 4 hours) as deemed necessary by the Committee.



MATCH DAY COMMUNICATION

- 4.3 If the Bureau of Meteorology indicates there is likely to be severe weather within the Noranda area and the NNA Committee ascertain this may have the potential to impact on games, one of the following notifications (or similar) shall be posted on the NNA Social Media pages:

Posted at: (date and time)

NNA is currently monitoring weather conditions with the Bureau of Meteorology.

At this stage all games will go ahead as scheduled.

If required an update to this notification will be made at (insert time)

Posted at: (date and time)

NNA is currently monitoring weather conditions with the Bureau of Meteorology.

Each game timeslot is being assessed individually and a final decision on individual games will be posted on this site **30 minutes prior to game start time.**

Posted at: (date and time)

NNA has been monitoring weather conditions via the Bureau of Meteorology throughout the day and has been advised by the Bureau that the weather conditions are now considered unsafe to be participating in outdoor sports.

As a safety precaution NNA has made the decision to cancel all games scheduled to be played at:

- (Insert timeslot 1)
- (Insert timeslot 2)

Posted at: (date and time)

NNA has been monitoring weather conditions via the Bureau of Meteorology throughout the day and has been advised by the Bureau that the weather conditions are now considered unsafe to be participating in outdoor sports. As a safety precaution NNA has made the decision to **cancel all games (insert date).**

- 4.3.1 If the NNA Committee makes the decision to delay, shorten or cancel a timeslot or round an announcement by the NNA Committee will be made over the PA system in the first instance, followed by posts on the NNA Social Media pages.

ACTIONS

- 4.4 Once a decision has been made to delay, shorten or a timeslot the following actions will be taken:
- Members will cease playing (or training) outdoors and seek appropriate shelter from the severe weather conditions; and
 - Club officials should ensure that teams and team management are aware of decisions impacting their games.



MATCH PROCEEDURES

- 4.5 The following match procedures are FINAL, and the NNA Committee will not enter into any further communications and/or discussions with clubs, teams or individuals:
- i. If the match is cancelled by the Association before commencement, the game will be classified as a 'washout' with all teams involved allocated a 'no game' with no points being allocated to either team on the premiership ladder;
 - ii. if the match is cancelled by the Association prior to half time, the game will be classified as a 'draw' with the result recorded as 10-10 and both teams being awarded 1 point each on the premiership ladder;
 - iii. if the match is cancelled after half time by the Association, the score at the time of the game being cancelled will stand.
 - iv. No forfeits for a cancelled round/timeslot will be accepted if the round/timeslot is deemed a 'washout' by the Association. However, any forfeits communicated to the Association prior to the Association cancelling the game will stand with the forfeiting team being awarded a 15-nil loss. Applicable forfeit fees apply as detailed in the NNA Forfeit Policy.
 - v. In the event of a Finals match having to be cancelled due to severe weather, the Association President will call a Special Meeting of the Committee, to arrange for the match/es to be played as soon as possible. No amendments or changes to rescheduled match/es (dates and times) as agreed by the NNA Committee will be considered and any team/s not available to play at the rescheduled time will forfeit the game.