

Wet Weather Guidelines

SYCNA has adopted the wet weather policy created by Netball Victoria for their Parkville matches.

In wet conditions, players need to adjust their game to the conditions that they are playing in. Coaches should be encouraging players to adjust and not to keep going at full pace.

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 the Umpire Supervisors and Club Officials present at the time at Thomas Street.

Our court surface is Rebound Ace Synpave which 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.**

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