



**Eastern Football Netball League (EFNL)
Adverse Weather Policy - Netball**

Hot Weather

1. All teams are required to attend the venues prior to the scheduled start time of their match.
2. The decision to the continuation or cessation of the match will be made at the scheduled match time.
3. Venue managers at each venue will monitor the conditions at the courts with reference to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).
4. Venue managers will use the below table to assist in ascertaining the risks associated with the weather conditions.

Ambient temperature °C	Relative humidity	Risk of heat illness	Recommended management for sports activities
15 - 20		Low	Heat illness can occur in running Caution over-motivation
21 - 25	Exceeds 70%	Low - moderate	Increase vigilance Caution over-motivation
26 - 30	Exceeds 60%	Moderate - high	Moderate early pre-season training Reduce intensity and duration of play/training Take more breaks
31 - 35	Exceeds 50%	High - very high	Uncomfortable for most people Limit intensity, take more breaks Limit duration to less than 60 minutes
36 and above	Exceeds 30%	Extreme	Very stressful for most people Postpone to cooler conditions (or cooler part of the day) or cancel

<https://sma.org.au/resources/policies-and-guidelines/hot-weather/>

5. Reduced length of quarters and increase in quarter breaks may be enacted to ensure player and umpire safety.
 - 5.1. Reduced length of quarters to 8 minutes shall be enacted where the temperature is between 33 and 35 degrees. Increased break times of 1 additional minute per break shall be enacted.
 - 5.2. Reduced length of quarters to 9 minutes shall be enacted where the temperature is between 31 and 32 degrees. Break times shall remain unchanged.
6. If the air temperature, as broadcast by the Bureau of Meteorology, is above 35 degrees Celsius at the designated match start time, the decision will be made to cancel the match.
7. If any match is cancelled in accordance with 14.j of the EFNL Netball Rules and Regulations, a match ratio shall be applied to the ladder for that division.