



EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

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POLICY

The Tango Netball Club Extreme Weather Policy outlines the guidelines that have been developed by Netball SA.

RATIONALE

Netball SA and Tango Netball Club are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all members. The following guidelines have been developed by Netball SA and are recommended for adoption by Clubs, Associations and Regions across SA. Tango Netball Club has adopted these guidelines. This ensures duty of care of participants, coaches, umpires and spectators. Tango Netball Club is committed to monitoring weather conditions before commencing, continuing or terminating netball activities.

PURPOSE

This policy provides guidelines that will be used in decision making in times of adverse wet weather or extreme heat conditions. It is preferable that netball activities are not cancelled, however, if the weather conditions are extreme and conditions become dangerous to participants, activities will be cancelled or postponed.

Should a decision be made to postpone or cancel netball trainings or games, Tango Netball Club will communicate this information to players as quickly as possible.

HOT WEATHER POLICY: GAMES

In times of very hot weather, start times of games or other netball activities may be delayed, or games or activities may be cancelled. Shorter quarters and more drink breaks may be permitted.

If temperatures are forecast over 34°C AMND games will be cancelled. Tango will be notified by AMND and will subsequently inform players.

If temperatures are forecast over 36°C at 5.00pm as stated on 102.3, SADNA games will be cancelled.

HOT WEATHER POLICY: TRAINING

If the temperature is recorded at 35°C or higher at 4.30pm in Hope Valley on the Bureau of Meteorology website, all training will be cancelled.

Training cancellation is communicated to all Tango Members via Facebook as well as via text message to the Tango Community.

Coaches may determine an alternative training arrangement for their team. If this is the case, the coach will advise their team independently of the alternative arrangement.

WET WEATHER POLICY: GAMES

Netball is traditionally an outdoor, winter sport. As such, it is recommended that all netball activities should proceed where possible unless the conditions are considered unsafe.

Once play has commenced, the Umpire may stop play on their court in times of extreme weather. The umpire will determine the length of time the game is stopped for and shall ensure that play is re-started as soon as possible.

WET WEATHER POLICY: TRAINING

At 4.30pm on a training day, if there is severe weather forecast, Tango will make a decision about whether or not training will go ahead. There are many factors that will be considered, including:

- Amount and intensity of rain
- Thunderstorm activity with lightning
- Water volume on the courts
- Lack of grip on the courts
- Player age level on the courts.

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LIGHTNING AND HAIL

Where safety is compromised with hail or electrical storms during a game, the umpire will immediately stop play and follow the guidelines for protection against hail strikes as listed.

HAIL

All game play and training must cease immediately if there is hail. All players and spectators should seek immediate cover.

LIGHTNING

Tango will adopt Netball SA's lightning safety code is based on the 30/30 rules which calls for all play and training to be stopped when the lightning to thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less (i.e. the time between when the lightning is seen and the last thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less).

When the 30 second ratio has been reached, this means that the lightning seen is approximately 10km away and the next strike has a significant risk of hitting people who have seen the lightning and heard the thunder. All participants must be aware that in the event of lightning, play must not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and thunder.

Should weather conditions fail to improve, the game shall be cancelled at the discretion of the umpire and coaches.