



**Kingborough Netball Association (KNA)**



# **KNA Wet Weather Policy 2023**

correct as at 19 March 2023

The KNA School Rosters are played outdoors. To minimise unnecessary disruption to the roster the decision has been made for 2023 KNA Wet Weather Policy that games will not be cancelled until the playing surfaces and forecast have been assessed at the venue prior to games commencing.

This means that unless the weather is severe and the forecast conditions are without doubt, only then will matches be cancelled. Cancellation such as these will be posted on the KNA Facebook.

Otherwise, all teams are expected to report to the courts for their scheduled matches. Teams are required to have 5 players sited by their match appointed umpires and recorded on the scoresheet for a team to commence playing.

In future, games will not be called off solely because it is raining or if weather condition are poor in local close by areas. The decision to cancel matches will be made round by round and for each time slot. Match cancellations will not be based on player/umpire/spectator comfort. Player safety is always our primary concern and games may be shortened to allow for court drying equipment to be used by club volunteers prior to games and during game breaks.

The consideration of safety will take into account many factors including:

- ❖ the amount and intensity of rain, sleet, hail
- ❖ thunderstorm activity with lightning
- ❖ water volume on the courts
- ❖ lack of grip on court
- ❖ player age level on court

If the weather is inclement at the time of game starting a decision will be made for play to commence or cancelled. Games will only be stopped if, in the view of the conditions present a safety hazard.

In a rain situation the umpires may offer the teams the chance to stop the game. If both teams agree and half-time has not been reached, the game will be considered an abandoned game (with no points awarded to either team).

If the game is called off at or after half-time, the scores will stand and the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.

If the game is called off prior to the half-time, each team will be awarded 2 points, regardless on the score.

If games are cancelled and arrangement had been made for players to be collected at a particular time, a KNA Committee member will be present at the courts until all players have been collected safely. The courts will not be closed until all players have left the venue.

Warm Regards KNA Committee 2023

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