



Fawkner Netball Club

Weather Conditions Procedure

Child Safety and Member Protection

To ensure the safety of our members, we follow the [Weather Guidelines](#) provided by Netball Victoria.

Decisions to cancel training/tournaments

The following guidelines relate to training, tournaments or games organised by FNC. Where play is governed by an association, we will adhere by their weather policies.

The below guidelines relate to cancellation for all weather conditions:

- We aim to reduce cancellations to cases where the environment is unsafe for players, officials and/or spectators.
- FNC will take a common sense approach to reviewing weather conditions, considering all information available at a point in time.
- Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) data will be used to make decisions based on weather conditions.
- Where possible, a committee member will assess the weather conditions and condition of the courts in location (i.e. at Charles Mutton reserve).
- Where possible, cancellation decisions will be made a minimum of 60 minutes before commencement.
- Where possible, decisions to cancel individual sessions/games will be made separately (i.e. a cancellation of 5pm training does not necessarily indicate a cancellation of 6pm training).
- Decisions will be communicated through TeamApp, and reinforced by coaches to each team.

Wet weather

Netball is played all year round and is traditionally a winter sport, meaning wet weather will be encountered during the season. The guidelines for cancellation are as follows:

- Light rain, or rain that stops and starts, will not automatically result in cancellation.
- Where the courts are deemed to be very wet and/or slippery, play will be cancelled.
- We will follow the 30/30 rule for cancellation due to lightning (when the time between a lightning flash and thunder is less than 30 seconds, play should cease for at least 30 minutes).
- Where there is hail immediately before play, or forecast during play, play will be cancelled.

Hot weather

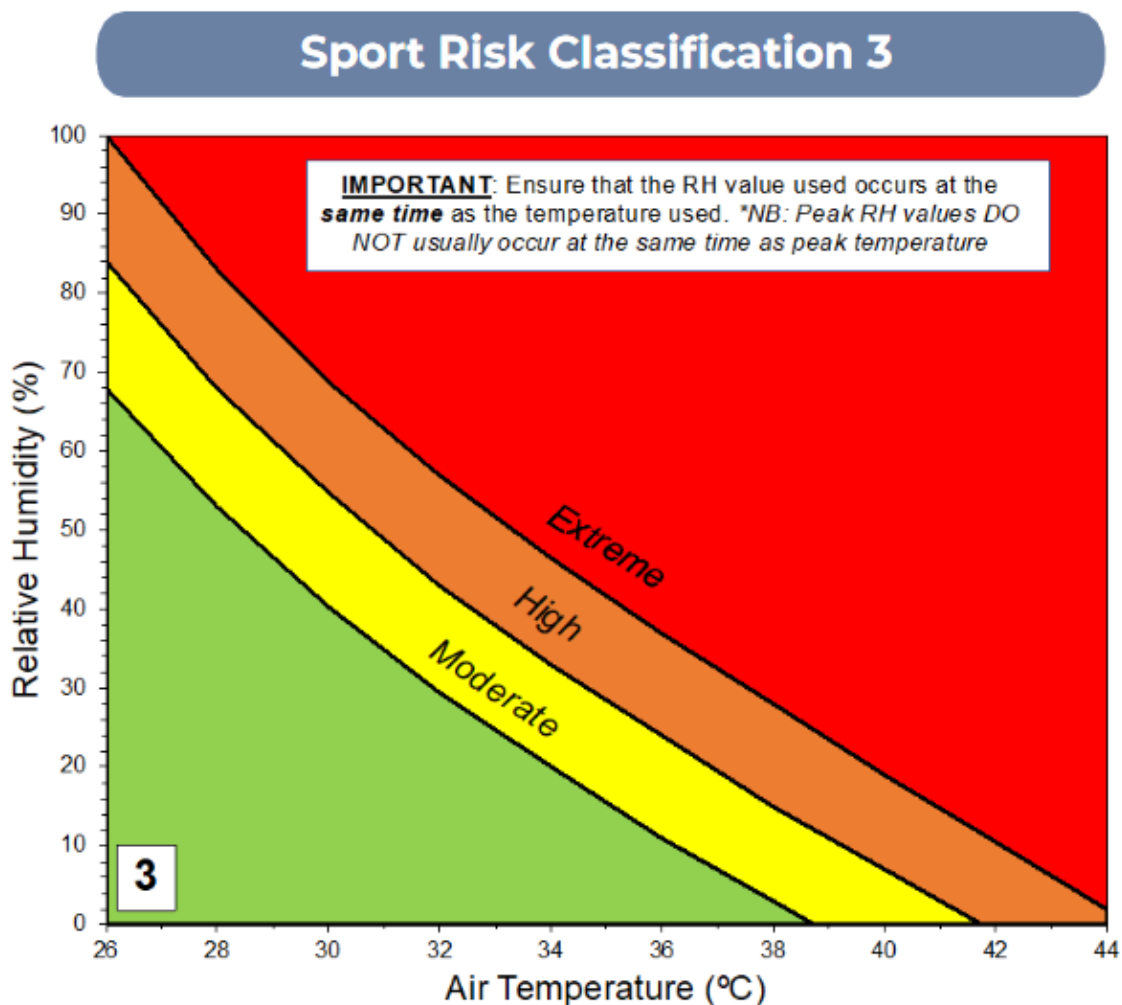
The guidelines for cancellation are as follows:

- [BoM data](#) will be reviewed for the time closes to the commencement of play.
- Air temperature and relative humidity will be compared to the Sports Medicine Australia Extreme Heat risk guidelines (see table 1.1)



- In general, play will be cancelled if the air temperature exceeds 35 degrees.
- Where the risk level is High or Extreme, play will be cancelled.
- Where the risk is Moderate, coaches will provide additional rest breaks for players.
- Where the temperature during play exceeds 26 degrees, players will be encouraged to wear a hat, clothing that provides sun protection, to apply sunscreen and bring an adequate supply of water. Where safe, players can also wear sunglasses.

Table 1.1 Sports Risk Classification (Netball)





Policy Review Period

Fawkner Netball Club will review and update this policy annually.

Review History

<i>Document revision no.</i>	<i>Date of revision update</i>	<i>Comments / Information on what was updated between revisions</i>
1.00	24/3/24	Original document – summary of NV guidelines