

## WET WEATHER POLICY

1. FDNA Staff & Board of Management have a duty of care to ensure the outdoor courts are safe for play. Inclement weather may make conditions uncomfortable and members may choose not to play in unpleasant conditions. Heavy Rain and/or strong winds may make conditions unsafe. Play should not commence or continue in the event of dangerous conditions.
2. If weather conditions are forecast to be inclement the Saturday Supervisor and/or Board of Management representative (or delegate) will review the Bureau of Meteorology forecast at 9am on the day of competition. Attention will be paid to any wind warnings as well as the rainfall radar. ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au))
3. Consideration should be given to the age & ability of players. It should be acknowledged that, generally, older & more experienced players are more able to adjust their play to suit the weather conditions.
4. If the weather forecast is for extreme conditions or current conditions are unsafe; the Saturday Supervisor and/or Board representative (or delegate) may elect to:
  - a) abandon all outdoor games or
  - b) decide timeslot by timeslot.
5. In the event of a) the decision will be made within the hour preceding the first match. All Club Secretaries will be notified, immediately when a decision is made.
6. In the event of b) once the Saturday Supervisor and/or Board of Management representative (or delegate) has deemed it suitable for a game to commence any choice to abandon or forfeit a game is at the discretion of the Coaches. At half time the Saturday Supervisor may decide to abandon all games (scores stand). If play resumes any further decision shall be made by the Coaches or the Umpires.
7. The Saturday Supervisor and/or Board of Management representative (or delegate) reserves the right to abandon any match at any time where conditions change from those in which the match commenced.
8. An Umpire may request to call off a match if, in their opinion, it becomes too dangerous to continue. Such a request should only be as a result of the conditions deteriorating since the game commenced. The Umpire must liaise with the Saturday Supervisor and/or Board of Management representative (or delegate) and both teams' Coaches to request consideration to call off a match.
9. Once the Saturday Supervisor and/or Board of Management representative (or delegate)'s decision has been made to abandon a game, that person *only* has the authority to recommence a game.

### NOTE:

- • **Forfeit:** If one team elects not to play and concedes four points to the opposition, this team will pay courts fees for both teams
- • **Abandon:** If both teams agree not to continue play and take two points each they will each pay court fees. If this occurs prior to half time, teams will be awarded 2 points each. If after half time- scores will stand.
- • **Rollers** are available if teams want to quickly clear water from their court after rain (located next to compressor in Pavilion)
- • Advice from **Rebound Ace** (provider of surface): "The courts are designed to handle water and the drainage allows water to run off quickly. The surface is slip resistant even when damp".
- • **Dangerous/unsafe conditions** = rivers of water running through the courts

POLICY ENDORSED ON: 21 / 06 / 2018 and reviewed bi-annually, or as required.

POLICY ENDORSED BY: (*Board of Management full name & position*) Corinna Harvey President & Melissa Kingston Club Representative

