



EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Reference: https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TA_Extreme_Weather_Policy_July_2018.pdf

Purpose

To mitigate the safety risk to members and visitors to the Netherby Tennis Club Inc. (NTC) in the event of extreme weather conditions.

Policy

The NTC Captain, or delegate, is responsible for assessing playing conditions prior to and during play to ensure conditions are safe and, where necessary, either modify playing conditions (*for example four-game sets, or 'sudden death' deuce*), suspend play (*while conditions improve*) or cancel play.

Unsafe conditions may include heat (*possibly exacerbated by humidity*), presence of thunderstorms, wind blowing objects onto the courts, the court surfaces are wet and slippery, smoke / dust is present to an extent that may cause respiratory issues etc.

To make a determination that conditions are 'safe', the Captain will have regard to the *Extreme Weather Procedures* in the *Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy dated July 2018* (or as updated).

If, in the opinion of the Captain, or delegate, conditions are adverse to the point where the safety of players is compromised, then play is to be modified, suspended (*while conditions improve*) or cancelled.

No player is to be compelled to play or continue to play if they consider they are at risk from adverse conditions; and no player should continue playing if they are adversely affected by adverse weather conditions.

Extreme Heat and Thermal Comfort

The Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) is the objective measure to be used by the NTC. The reading shall come from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website or a WBGT device used by the Captain (or delegate) at the Club:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDS65004.shtml>

The following shall apply at NTC:

- If the forecast WBGT reading for the time of play, within 24 hours and up to one (1) hour before play is due to commence, exceeds 34.0C, play may be cancelled and members advised accordingly.
- When the WBGT reading exceeds 30.0C, an environmental assessment shall be undertaken by the Captain (or delegate) and consideration given to reducing the match format.
- Where, during play, the WBGT exceeds 34.0C, play must be suspended on completion of the current game.
- After suspension of play, if the WBGT remains greater than 34.0C play may be cancelled by the Captain or delegate.

Thunderstorms and Lightning

A thunderstorm is where lightning can be seen or thunder heard. Where lightning is assessed to be within 10km of the Club, play is to be suspended. (If there are fewer than 30 seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder, the thunderstorm is within 10km).

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This *Extreme Weather Policy* was approved at Committee Meeting #5/18 : 16.1.19.