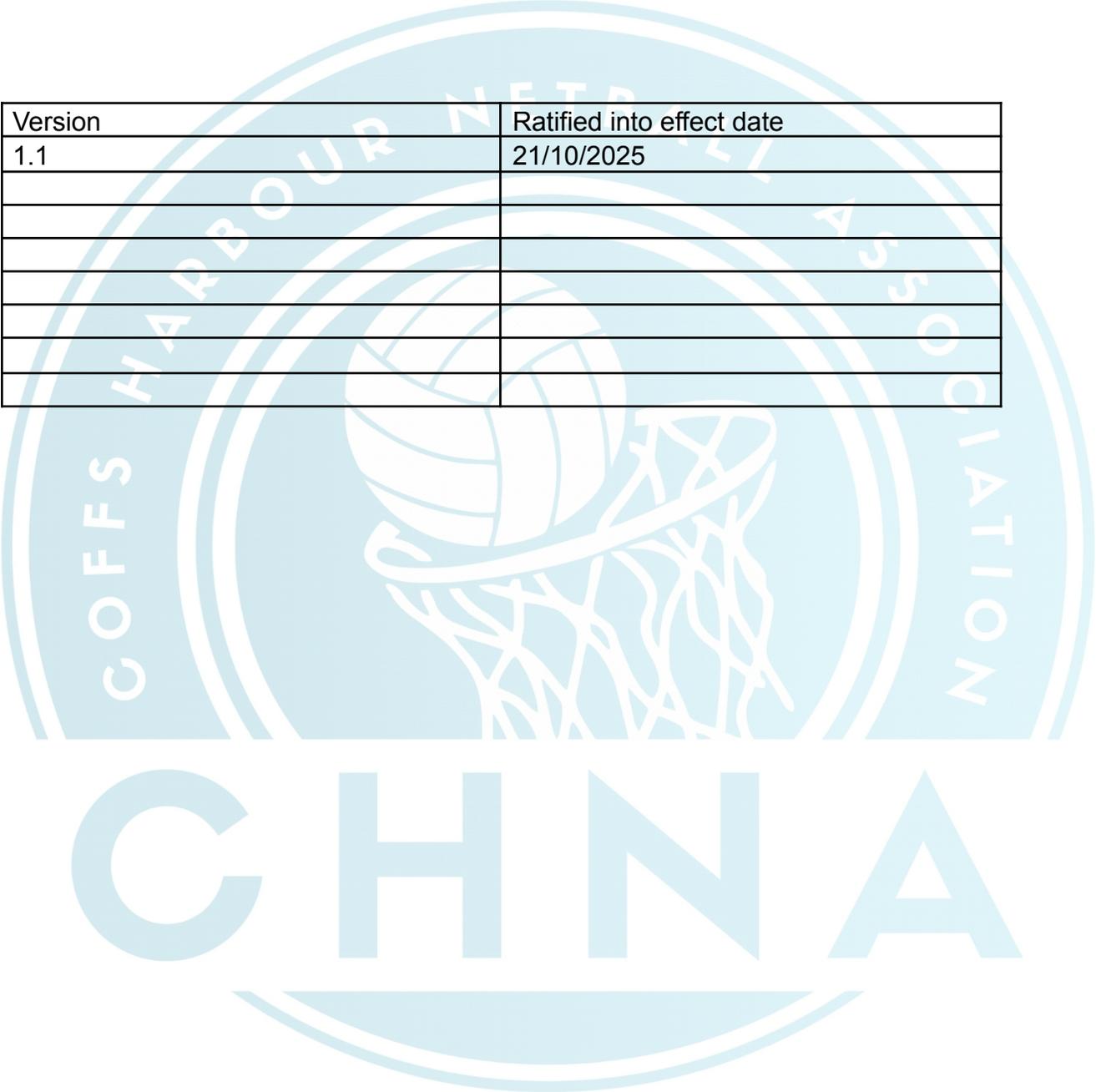


Coffs Harbour Netball Association

Adverse Weather Conditions

Policy

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1.1	21/10/2025



1.Purpose

Coffs Harbour Netball Association (CHNA) believes that our netball courts should be safe for players at all times. Whilst CHNA will at all times attempt to act proactively for player safety, there are variables outside of our control (for example: extreme heat, lightning, hail, rain). This document guides both CHNA and its Affiliated Clubs regarding adverse weather conditions.

2. Procedure

2.1 A CHNA Executive (Competitions Coordinator or Competition Registrar) is to decide if a meeting is required to determine whether a meeting regarding adverse weather and safety to play is required. Decisions will be made based on the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy (link below).

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sites/nsw/files/2021-06/20210622%20Netball%20NSW%20Adverse%20Weather%20Conditions%20Policy%20V3.pdf>

2.2 For all competitions, decisions on adverse weather will be made by a CHNA Executive member (Competition Coordinator or Competition Registrar) together with Club Delegates. This group shall henceforth constitute the Adverse Weather Caucus. Decisions will be made based on the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy which will be reviewed prior to all decision making. When voting to cancel games due to adverse weather each club will receive one vote and the CHNA executive representative (Competitions Coordinator or Competition Registrar) will have a vote.

2.3 To ensure the safety of our players and officials, decisions on cancelling games will be made as early as practical, to address sudden changes in the weather and court conditions as they occur. Excepting major weather events and sudden escalation in weather conditions, a decision relating to cancellation of games will be made as per the table below.

Competition	Decision time
Junior (Saturday)	Time-slot by time-slot, no less than 60 minutes prior to games commencing
Senior (Wednesday night)	90 minutes before games commence

Mixed (Thursday night)	90 minutes before games commence
Walking netball	90 minutes before games commence

- 2.4 All decisions relating to adverse weather affecting CHNA Affiliated Club training sessions will be made by relevant Club officials.
- 2.5 All decisions relating to adverse weather affecting representative training sessions will be made by the Representative Coordinator in conjunction with the Representative Coaching Convenor and Representative Convenor.
- 2.6 Notification of CHNA cancellations will be posted on all the Association media outlets.
- 2.7 Once play has commenced the Adverse Weather Caucus will decide whether play will continue in the event of adverse weather conditions as per Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy. If a decision is made by the Adverse Weather Caucus to cease play, all games must stop immediately.
- 2.8 Games affected due to adverse weather conditions:
- 2.8.1 Games not played due to adverse weather conditions will be considered abandoned in Play HQ. No points will be awarded for these games.
- 2.8.2 Should any semi-finals, or finals not be played due to adverse weather conditions then those games will be played on a date to be determined by the Executive in consultation with the Club Delegates.
- 2.8.3 Should grand finals not be played due to adverse weather conditions, they will be played on the following Saturday. If that day is not played due to adverse weather, then those games will be played on a date to be determined by the Executive in consultation with the Club Delegates.
- 2.8.3 Games are considered abandoned due to adverse weather conditions if play ceases prior to half time. Games abandoned due to adverse weather conditions after half time are deemed played and scores at half-time will stand.