

## WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY

Hamilton City Netball Centre wants to ensure the safety of all people who use the facility. This policy was created in an attempt to provide protection in the case of the presence of poor weather including lightning.

The Centre Manager or their nominee has the power to cancel games or events at any stage due to ground and/or weather conditions. This includes predicted poor weather conditions.

### 30/30 Rule

Hamilton City Netball Centre has adopted the 30/30 rule in the case of Lightning Safety. The 30/30 rule is to be applied as follows:

- 1) If the time between the first sighting of lightning and the subsequent hearing of thunder, is **less than 30 seconds**, leave the courts IMMEDIATELY and find sufficient shelter.  
(30 seconds = 10km away)
  - i) Sufficient shelter includes:
    - Main building away from doorways / windows
    - Cars with your windows closed. Avoid contact with anything that links to the external part of the vehicle (i.e. steering wheel, ignition, radio and / or keys)
  - ii) Poor shelter includes:
    - Under surrounding trees
    - Close to floodlight towers
- 2) Remain sheltered for **at least 30 minutes** after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder.

### Notification Process for Lightning or other Poor Weather during Games

- 1) When lightning or other poor weather is in the area then the following will occur:
  - i) A hand held siren will sound for a minimum of 10 seconds from the courtyard area.
  - ii) An announcement over the PA system will notify all games to stop play and find shelter immediately.
  - iii) Umpires will stop games immediately and assist in giving instructions to find shelter.
  - iv) Remain in the shelter until advised over the PA system and by staff members.
- 2) If lightning or other poor weather is predicted during game or events times to a level HCNC believes is unsafe then all participants will be notified through team managers and the website that games or the event is cancelled.

### Effected Games Scoring

- 1) Games which have started and have completed more than two quarters, the final score for the game will be the score when the game was stopped.
- 2) Games which are unable to be started or have completed less than two quarters will be recorded as a draw.

### Events

- 1) Event organisers will try where possible to find a solution to enable an outcome of the competition. Solutions could include shorter game times for remainder of event, altered draw structure or points structure.

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