

North Suburban Junior Tennis Association

Extreme Weather Policy

(as at March 2015)

Washouts – Declaration of washouts in advance

- a) On extremely wet days, the Match Secretary, after consulting at least one other Committee member, may declare washouts for all matches and will notify Clubs through the NSJTA website and other available methods of communication (including electronic messages and social media). In such cases, teams are not required to attend the venue and match result sheets do not need to be filled out. Grade Secretaries will automatically record all matches as washouts.
- b) The Match Secretary will make a decision whether or not to abandon all matches by:
 - 6.00 pm for Friday night matches
 - 7.00 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 7.45 am or 8.30 am
 - 8.30 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 9.30 am
- c) When making their decision, the Match Secretary will take into consideration the amount of rain that has already fallen, any predicted further rainfall according to the weather radar and whether all Clubs are likely to be affected. The Match Secretary may declare all matches a washout prior to it raining, if heavy rainfall or storms are predicted by the match commencement time.
- d) If all matches have not been declared a washout under paragraph (a) of this rule, but a home Club Delegate is aware their courts are unplayable due to wet weather, they may contact the away Club Delegate and offer a washout. If both teams agree, a washout can be called and teams do not need to attend the venue. If both teams do not agree, teams must attend the venue as normal.
- e) If a washout has not been called in advance under paragraph (a) or (d) of this rule, and one or more players from either team fails to attend the venue, sets or the match can be claimed on forfeit under By-laws 26 and 42.

Washouts – Both teams at venue

- a) In wet weather, every effort must be made, mopping courts if necessary, to ensure that play starts as soon as possible after the scheduled starting time, and that delays during play due to showers are minimised.
- b) If it has not been possible to commence the match within one hour of the scheduled starting time, or during the match is more than one hour of play is lost due to wet weather, either team may declare a washout.
- c) The Court Supervisor may also declare a washout of some matches at that venue if they deem that, due to the time lost, it has become impossible to complete all matches at that venue. They may draw straws to decide which matches are washed out.
- d) All washouts must be ratified by the Court Supervisor. The circumstances of the washout must be stated on the back of the match result sheet and signed by the Court Supervisor.
- e) The Court Supervisor is also responsible for deciding when, after the rain has stopped, the courts are safe enough for play to resume. If either team is unwilling to return to the courts after this decision has been made, the Court Supervisor shall award forfeits for all remaining sets.
- f) If either team is unhappy about the decision/s made by the Court Supervisor, the Team Manager should sign the back of the sheet 'under protest'.

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Play must be suspended or abandoned in the event of lightning, high winds or smoke causing a danger to players in accordance with the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather policy.