



Inclement Weather Policy

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Netball Northern Ireland recognises that inclement weather and other emergencies can affect the ability of club players and umpires to travel to match fixtures, particularly over the winter months. The safety of our members is paramount in any emergency situation.

No policy can cover every potential emergency situation, so this policy covers the most common and provides guidance to clubs and league managers on actions that should be taken in such circumstances.

Circumstances when rescheduling should be considered:

- over a foot of snow falls
- electricity is out
- flooding affects transportation
- a red weather warning is issued and authorities advise people to stay off the roads

Actions to take when considering rescheduling or playing:

- Speak with the opposing team to review their circumstances
- Check the situation and forecasted situation at the venue
- Speak with the umpires to review their circumstances
- Advise the competition manager of the situation
- Final decisions must be made and communicated to all concerned (both teams, all members, coaches, umpires, venue & competition manager) no later than **4 hours** before the scheduled start time of the fixture to provide adequate notice to anyone who may be intending to set off early for travel
- Venue cancellation policy should be adhered to where possible *in poor weather it would be expected the venue would take into consideration the travel of participants but this is at their discretion ⁱ
- Matches should be rescheduled in line with the CRAG document

Please note, the decision on rescheduling matches due to poor weather conditions lies with the teams. Northern Ireland has a varied landscape and as such those local to the area will be more aware of the tendencies in bad weather for challenges and safety of all members is the priority. Minor bad weather is not a reason to reschedule a match, nor should the inference of extreme weather be used as an excuse to not fulfil a fixture. All fixtures should be played on the scheduled date where possible.

ⁱ Invoices received by Netball NI for rescheduled matches will require payment from the club/s concerned