Weather Guide

(as at 24th February 2026)

Playnetball Wet Weather & Extreme Conditions – How do we handle it?

We know playing netball is more fun in the dry—but in London, if we cancelled every time it rained, we'd barely play! 🌧️

Games will therefore go ahead **unless conditions are unsafe.**

1. When Games Go Ahead

Games will be played in normal wet or windy conditions **provided the court surface is safe and playable.**

Captains and players should expect matches to go ahead unless we officially cancel.

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2. When Games May Be Cancelled

Matches may be cancelled or postponed if any of the following make play unsafe:

- **Lightning or thunder**
- **Torrential or persistent heavy rain causing flooding**
- **Snow or icy surfaces**
- **Flooded courts**
- **Venue closure or local authority advice**

The final decision is made by Playnetball organisers in consultation with venue staff where applicable.

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3. How We Communicate Cancellations

If games are cancelled, we will notify:

- Team captains via **WhatsApp**
- Updates on **www.playnetball.com**
- Posts on **Facebook & Instagram**
- Email to registered players where possible

If you haven't heard from us, **please assume games are on.**

Decisions are typically made **by 5pm on the day**, but weather can change quickly and late decisions may occasionally be necessary.

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4. If Weather Worsens During Play

If conditions become unsafe during matches:

- Umpires or organisers may pause or abandon games
- Player safety always comes first
- Matches may be replayed or results decided based on league rules

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5. Player Responsibility

Players should:

- Wear appropriate footwear for wet courts
- Warm up carefully
- Inform organisers of unsafe court conditions

- Use personal judgement if they feel unsafe travelling

Teams unable to attend due to weather-related travel issues should contact organisers as soon as possible.

In rainy conditions, players should adapt their game for safety and manage a slippery ball and court (e.g. shifting from a high-speed, long-pass game to a more controlled, short-passing style)

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6. Rearranged Fixtures

Where possible:

- Cancelled games will be rescheduled
- If rescheduling isn't feasible, league rules on points or credits will apply

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7. Evidence & Transparency

We monitor local weather reports and venue conditions when making decisions.
This helps ensure fair, consistent calls across all London leagues.

Terms and Conditions: Playnetball Wet Weather & Extreme Conditions Policy

1. **General Principle**
   Matches will proceed in normal wet or windy conditions unless Playnetball determines that court or travel conditions present a safety risk.
2. **Grounds for Cancellation**
   Matches may be postponed or cancelled in circumstances including, but not limited to:

- Lightning or thunder
- Torrential or persistent heavy rain creating unsafe flooded courts
- Snow, ice, or frost
- Venue closure or local authority guidance

3. **Decision Authority**
   The decision to cancel rests with Playnetball organisers, in consultation with venue management where applicable. This decision is final.
4. **Communication**
   Teams will be notified via captain WhatsApp message, website updates, email where possible, and social media. If no cancellation notice is received, matches should be assumed to be proceeding.
5. **During Matches**
   Umpires or organisers may pause or abandon matches if conditions become unsafe. Player safety takes priority over fixture completion.
6. **Rescheduling**
   Cancelled matches may be rescheduled where feasible. Where rescheduling is not possible, league rules regarding points allocation or credits will apply.
7. **Player Responsibility**
   Players participate at their own risk and are responsible for appropriate footwear, safe travel decisions, and reporting unsafe conditions.
8. **Liability**
   Playnetball accepts no liability for travel disruption, costs, or personal decisions made in response to weather conditions, except where required by law.