

Eastern Indoor Weather & Condition Policy

The following are our processes and guidelines for the requirement to cancel or shorten games, which include but are not limited to extreme heat, power outage and general unsafe playing conditions.

Everyone has their own opinions on the conditions and whether games should be played. For every person that wants a game cancelled there are just as many (and generally more) wanting games to be played. Eastern Indoor upholds player safety as their top priority and will make decisions based on knowledge within the sporting industry, referee suggestions and other factors. Players must understand that Eastern Indoors decision is final.

We ask that members do not contact Eastern Indoor to find out if games are cancelled.

We may decide to cancel a whole night, or specific timeslots.

Eastern Indoor will endeavour to cancel games as early as they can as to try not to inconvenience players, however no guarantee can be given particularly with weather - we live in Melbourne, and anything can happen at any given time!

When a decision is made to cancel games:

1. Captains will be sent an SMS, asking them to reply to confirm the message.
2. If we do not hear back from one of the team captains, we will call to ensure the team has the message.
3. We will update our Facebook status to notify that cancellations have occurred.
4. Captains are responsible for notifying their players that games have been cancelled.

Eastern Indoor generally follows the recommendations set out by Sports Medicine Australia, however there is not a set temperature at which any heat policy will be put in place.

Eastern Indoor has three Heat Policies that can be put in place. These are:

1. Netball quarters will be shortened from the regular 9 minutes to 7. Match referees shall be lenient in allowing players time to rehydrate between quarters/sets for the safety of players and umpires.
2. Futsal quarters will be shortened from 18 minutes to 16. Again, referees must be lenient in allowing players time to rehydrate between quarters for the safety of players and umpires
3. Conditions at the venue are deemed unsafe due to the extreme heat and all games are cancelled.

If Eastern Indoor deem that the conditions are safe teams must attend to play their game. Teams who refuse to play will be required to pay the full forfeit fee and risk being removed from the competition.

Teams and their opponents CANNOT make deals to pay their game fee each and to not play. If both teams refuse to play, then both teams will have deemed to have forfeited. This is to stop one team trying to place any pressure on their opponents to agree to a cancellation.