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Netball has been played on outdoor surfaces for many decades, with the surface used improving significantly over the years.

While games will not be called off solely because it is raining, player/umpire safety is paramount and if the courts at Melbourne University are deemed to be unsafe, matches will be cancelled.

It is important that correct footwear is worn to cope with wet weather conditions. Players may also wear a rain jacket of any colour under their playing bibs without being penalised.

Umpires have been trained to adjust their umpiring in wet weather conditions by slowing the game down if necessary. They will, however, endeavour to umpire within the rules and spirit of the game. Players are expected to adjust accordingly.

When evaluating whether it is safe to play in wet weather, the coordinator and umpires will consider many factors, including:

- Amount and intensity of rain, sleet, hail;
- Visibility;
- Thunderstorm activity with lightning;
- Water volume on the courts;
- Lack of grip on the court;

Player safety is always our primary concern and Melbourne University Sport and the Tin Alley Coordinator will notify team captains/primary contacts when a game is deemed unsafe to play. Additionally, if conditions worsen throughout the game and become unsafe, the game may be called off.

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