

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION
State Netball Gala Day
Wet Weather Procedure



Rationale

The Gala Days are designed to bring different forms of Christian schools together in fellowship, around the activities of designated sports. CSSA procedures for these events are written from the Christian conviction that we are to care for those for whom we have responsibility in the way that God cares for us (e.g. Ephesians 6:4). These procedures are also written in light of State requirements for duty of care.

Aims

This procedural document expresses the intent of CSSA to maximise the opportunity for member schools to compete in Christian character, in as safe an environment as possible, and in as timely a way as possible.

Procedures

1. A final decision to cancel the gala day will be made at 9am when all conditions can be assessed and when the weather has had the greatest opportunity to clear.
2. As the netball courts are classified as “all weather courts”, the state netball convener in consultation with the NSW Umpires may deem it safe to play, even though it may be lightly raining.
3. Regular assessments of the playing conditions will need to occur throughout the day if weather conditions change.
4. If at 9am the rain is too heavy the gala day will be cancelled.
5. Schools may make their own independent decision prior to leaving their base not to come to the day, if they decide that there is a high probability that the gala day will be cancelled due to wet weather.
6. If they decide not to proceed to the carnival schools must contact the CSSA Executive Officer Linda Heslehurst M: 0418 695 898 immediately.
7. Schools will still be charged the full entry fee plus any umpire related costs if the gala day does go ahead and they decide not to attend.
8. Before each gala day, competing schools will be contacted to assess the possibility of contingency plans for an indoor round robin competition for country schools that have travelled quite a distance. This will be dependent on the availability of indoor courts.
9. The state convener will notify schools at least 2 days prior to the event if they qualify for the wet weather draw, the location of the indoor venue, and the structure of the draw. The number of teams able to participate will be limited.
10. Sydney schools will be encouraged to return back to their school if there is no opportunity to be involved in the in-door events.