

**NORTHERN FOOTBALL
NETBALL LEAGUE
INCORPORATED**



**SCHEDULE 15:
MATCH DELAY POLICY**

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Juniors, Reserves, Under 19.5, Senior Women

In the event of a significant delay, the League, in all junior and senior competitions, will endeavor to ensure a match result is achieved within the scheduled time slot allocated for the match.

As per NFNL By Law 11.13.3 this is half a completed game.

From time to time, this may include, at the League's discretion, adjusting quarter lengths and shortening breaks of the match to achieve a match result within the scheduled time slot of the match. Games must be finished 5 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next game or by no later than 5pm for a 3pm Sunday junior or Senior Women match.

For Junior and Senior Women matches scheduled later than 3pm as a guide the match should be completed within 2 hours. The league should be contacted to confirm.

Examples:

- Under 19.5's must be finished at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next game the reserves (eg if reserves commence at 11.55am, the final siren must sound no later than 11.50am).
- Reserves must be finished at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next game the seniors (eg if seniors commence at 2.10pm, the final siren must sound no later than 2.05pm).
- Junior & Senior Women 3pm starting time games must be finished by no later than 5pm.
- Senior Women matches starting at 4:45pm must be finished by no later than 6:45pm.

Senior Men

The following guidelines are for matches commencing at 2:10pm and are based on the following principles:

- i. Quarters run on average 30 minutes;
 - ii. Breaks are 5 minutes (quarter time), 15 minutes (half time) and 5 minutes (3 quarter time).
 - iii. The final match is not going to conclude by 5:00pm, there is insufficient daylight and the ground does not have sufficient lighting (100 lux).
1. Prior to implementing any of the following match delay policies, approval must be granted by the CEO or General Manager Football Operations.
 2. If the delay occurs prior to the match, no restrictions apply if the match commences by 2.10pm.
 3. For every 5 minutes past 2:10pm the match is delayed, each quarter is to be reduced by 1 minute playing time. If the delay occurs during the first half, the match will continue as 20 minute plus time on per quarter until half time. After half time, taking into account the assumption of 30 minute quarters and a 5 minute break at 3 quarter time, if the game is not scheduled to conclude by 5pm, a 1 minute deduction per quarter is made for every 5 minutes past 5pm the match would conclude under regular playing conditions.
 4. If the delay occurs during the 3rd quarter, time is to be adjusted so that the match concludes by 5pm and the 3rd and 4th quarters are of equal length (the assumption of 30 minute quarters is applicable here).

5. If the delay occurs in the final term or equal time cannot be assigned to the 3rd and 4th quarters, play continues until 5pm at which time the siren must sound if there is time remaining. In these cases, the NFNL Board will decide if the final score stands or an adjustment is made.
6. [Note – The NFNL at their discretion in consultation with the umpires as a common sense approach may extend the match past 5pm for the best interests of the league. Refer to NFNL By Law 8.13.5](#)