



# North Suburban Junior Tennis Association

## Air Quality Policy



The NSJTA is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child who takes part in our activities, programs and events. This policy has been developed to deal with situations where low air quality may pose a health and safety risk to players.

### Air quality monitoring

The Victorian Environment Protection Authority publishes air quality forecasts and hourly monitoring reports at:

<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/EPAirWatch>

The NSJTA will use the information published for the Melbourne CBD to determine whether it is safe for matches to proceed.

Matches will proceed if the air quality falls within one of the following two categories:

<b>Good</b>	It's a good day to be outside.
<b>Moderate</b>	The air quality is okay, but it could change soon. It's okay to be outside but watch for changes in air quality around you.

Matches will not proceed if the air quality falls within one of the following categories:

<b>Poor</b>	The air is probably dusty or smoky. Sensitive groups may experience symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath.
<b>Very poor</b>	The air is probably very dusty or smoky. Everyone could be experiencing symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath.
<b>Hazardous</b>	The air is probably extremely dusty or smoky. Everyone could be experiencing symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath.

### Procedure — blanket cancellation of matches

On days where there are concerns about air quality, the Match Secretary will consult with at least one other Committee member about whether to cancel matches.

After considering the air quality forecast released by the EPA and the available hourly monitoring reports for the Melbourne CBD, if they form the view that at the time matches are scheduled the air quality will be poor, very poor or hazardous, they will cancel all matches.

The Match Secretary will make a decision whether or not to cancel all matches by:

- 6.00 pm for Friday night matches
- 7.00 am for Saturday morning matches

The Match Secretary will notify Clubs through the NSJTA website and other available methods of communication (including electronic messages and social media) if matches are cancelled.

If matches have not been cancelled in advance, all players must attend the venue as usual. If one or more players from either team fails to attend the venue, sets or the match can be claimed on forfeit.

#### **Procedure — local air quality issues**

If there are local issues only affecting the air quality at a particular venue, such as smoke from a nearby fire or other pollution, teams can agree to delay or cancel a match. Normally the two teams should attend the venue to assess the conditions before making a decision.

If there are immediate risks to the health and safety of players, the two Club Delegates may discuss the situation and agree to the cancellation of a match in advance. In such cases, the home Club Delegate must also immediately notify the Match Secretary of the action they have taken.

#### **Match results — cancelled matches**

If matches have been cancelled under this policy, Grade Secretaries will automatically record the match as a draw and the points will be split between the competing teams.