

7. DISRUPTION TO PLAY – EXTREME WEATHER (HEAT)

Refer to Metro Pennant Supplement A – EXTREME WEATHER (HEAT) POLICY

Management of extreme weather (Heat) conditions

For each Metropolitan Pennant competition conducted by the MBA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all games, applying Rules 7.1 to 7.7 below if appropriate.

In the event of the likelihood of extreme weather, Match & Program Committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule all games in a Pennant round.

For all games that are played on days of extreme heat, it is recommended that scheduled mid-game breaks are only to be taken by mutual agreement between side Managers. However, side Managers are advised to be mindful of their duty of care for all participants and should monitor the conditions and consider breaks, if necessary, to provide participants with opportunities to hydrate.

Member Clubs are reminded of the importance of applying the procedures related to extreme weather correctly. Failure to do so will attract a penalty.

7.1 Early Start Games

When a decision has been made to play at 9.15am, no changes to the game time are to be made unless by mutual agreement between the sides drawn to play each other and with prior written approval of Match & Program Committee (refer Rule 3.10).

Once the decision has been made two days before to start games early, games will be played at that earlier time regardless of what the forecast maximum temperature is on the day before or on the morning of the day of play. Games will continue to completion unless the actual temperature reaches 38 degrees (36 for Thursdays) as measured by the procedures referred to in these Conditions of Play.

7.2 Management of Temperature Readings (Member Clubs)

During any game that has been rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat during a game that has started at the normal time, it is imperative that Member Clubs have a process in place to monitor the current temperature of the day.

7.2.1 On a day where games have been rescheduled to start at an earlier time, or on days where the temperature has the potential to reach either 38 degrees Celsius (Saturday & Wednesday) or 36 degrees Celsius (Thursday) during the game, the Home side Manager & the Umpire of the Day are responsible for delegating the duty of monitoring the current temperature of the day. Although not compulsory, it is recommended that a person who is “non-playing” for the day be delegated to perform the duty of checking the temperature at the designated Weather Station for the Home club. Refer to document – GETTING THE TEMPERATURE READING DURING HOT WEATHER PENNANT PLAY.

7.2.2 Member Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all visiting side Managers.

7.2.3 For the purpose of temperature monitoring above, Member Clubs are required to make available a computer with internet access, where the Bureau of Meteorology Web site www.bom.gov.au can be accessed. The MBA will also approve the use of an Apple or Android Application on a mobile phone or tablet, **if the application has a direct internet link from the Bureau of Meteorology Web site.**

7.2.4 It is a requirement that a check of the temperature at the designated weather station is done shortly after each hour and half hour during play (i.e. to find out the temperature recorded at the assigned Weather Station at the hour and half hour e.g. 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm etc.).

7.2.5 If the recorded temperature at the hour or half hour reaches or exceeds the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming

the temperature, will direct all players to stop playing after completing the end in play. Any resulting dead ends will not be replayed.

Play will be suspended for the day. Refer to Rules 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.4, & 7.5 to determine the next steps.

The information below details the process of determining when a game will be rescheduled to an earlier start, and what process is to occur once a game is suspended as per Rule 7.2.5.

7.3 Saturday Pennant Competition

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Saturday on the Bureau of Meteorology website at 4.30pm on Thursday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Saturday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am (refer to Rules 7.1 & 7.2). However, if the Thursday 4.30pm forecast maximum temperature for Saturday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at the 7:30 am forecast on the day of play (Saturday) then all Premier League & Division 1-3 games will be played on the following Friday night, with trial ends commencing at 6:00 pm. All other Metropolitan Saturday Pennant games will be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

On any day where play is not possible due to the temperature reaching the required 38 degrees prior to the commencement of play the game will be rescheduled, if possible, to a day that has been allocated for this purpose.

7.3.1 Premier League & Division 1-3

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game due to extreme heat, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be resumed from it's previous state on the following Friday night, with trials ends commencing at 6.00pm, as in Law 32.

If it becomes necessary to abandon a Friday evening game due to inclement weather, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8. If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be rescheduled (resumed) at the discretion of Match & Program Committee. If this is not possible then the game will be abandoned.

7.3.2 Divisions 4 and below

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game due to extreme heat, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be abandoned.

7.4 Wednesday Pennant Competition

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Wednesday on the Bureau of Meteorology website at 4.30pm on Monday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Wednesday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am (refer to Rules 7.1 & 7.2).

However, if the Monday 4.30pm forecast maximum temperature for Wednesday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at 7:30 am forecast on the day of play (Wednesday) then all games will be cancelled.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game due to extreme heat, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be abandoned.

7.5 Thursday Pennant Competition

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Thursday on the Bureau of Meteorology website at 4.30pm on Tuesday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Thursday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am (refer to Rules 7.1 & 7.2).

However, if the Tuesday 4.30pm forecast maximum temperature for Thursday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 36 degrees or above at 7:30 am forecast on the day of play (Thursday) then all games will be cancelled.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game due to extreme heat, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be abandoned.

7.6 Stoppages of Play

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be suspended by appeal of a side Manager to the Umpire of the Day. The Umpire of the Day may also act on his/her own discretion without appeal from either side Manager if it is felt the conditions warrant cessation of play. In such cases, the relevant sections of Rules 7.3, 7.4 & 7.5 will apply.

7.7 Player Withdrawal

The withdrawal of any player from a side due to extreme weather during the course of the game can be dealt with in any of the following ways:

- The team in which the withdrawing player has played can cease play in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Conditions of Play applicable to the competition. For game results refer Rule 5.8.
- A substitute, if available may be used by agreement.
- The remaining players in the team may be able to continue to play with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applying. DR. 2.5

8. REPLAYS

8.1 Replays – Minor Rounds

8.1.1 Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1-3

8.1.1.1 Any game not completed (suspended) as per Rule 5.8 will be resumed on the following Friday night, or at a time determined by Match & Program Committee.

8.1.1.2 Games will resume from the point at which the game was suspended with the **same players in the same teams in the same positions within the sides**. Substitutes – Refer Law 32.4 & DR 2.3 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

8.1.1.3 Where completion of a suspended game is not possible due to extreme weather conditions, or a clash of fixture, the game will be abandoned and Match & Program Committee will advise as to the date of replay.

8.1.2 Saturday Divisions 4 and below & all Wednesday and Thursday Divisions

Any game not completed (as per Rule 5.8) will be treated as a draw with game points shared equally and two shots awarded to each team.

8.2 Replays – Finals

8.2.1 In the event of final games being suspended or abandoned due to extreme weather conditions, games will be programmed for alternative at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

8.2.2 Suspended games will resume from the point at which the game was suspended with the **same players in the same positions in the same teams within the sides**. Substitutes – Refer Law 32.4 & DR 2.3 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.