

Heat Policy Amendment

By correspondence dated 5 January 2018 the Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA) has advised of amendments to the current heat policy. The MBA correspondence states as follows; “There have been changes made to the Heat Policy to remove some inconsistencies regarding when the temperature should be checked.

From now on, only the recorded hourly and half-hourly temperatures will be used to determine whether play will continue.

The Conditions of Play have been amended to reflect these changes and the affected rules are included below.

S7.1.5 It is a requirement that a check of the temperature at the designated weather station is done shortly after each hour and each half hour during play (ie to find out the temperature recorded at the hour and half hour eg 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm etc).

S7.1.6 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 call all players off the green/s at the completion of the end in play.

Venues will continue to use the designated weather station as shown in Annexure B. Clubs are also reminded that there is no scope for team managers to agree to continue playing, contrary to the rules. The umpire of the day is responsible for the application of the rules.”

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7.1 Duty of Care Bowls SA is committed to the safety and well-being of its Members and those playing bowls throughout South Australia. The following guidelines have been developed with the duty of care of participants as a paramount consideration, whilst enabling all members to participate in a safe environment.

7.2 Responsibility Any player who considers that the forecast temperature for the day on which they have been selected to represent their club will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the selected side. Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the temperature is at a level that the player considers placing them at risk. Players have the personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimise any likely effects of heat on their health and well-being. Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that they also exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, shade and sun protection products. In Metropolitan Pennants, conducted under the jurisdiction of Bowls SA, the following shall apply:

7.3 Management of Heat Policy (Member Clubs) For each Metropolitan Pennant competition conducted by Bowls SA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all matches, as per the guidelines provided in 7.3, 7.4 & 7.5 below.

When a match is rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat that has started at the normal time as per Rule 3.10, due to a forecast temperature being below the cut-offs provided below, it is imperative that Member Clubs have a process in place to monitor the temperature of the day.

Member Clubs are provided with the following guidelines and procedures to ensure that no matches continue at their venue once the temperature at their designated Weather Station, as per Annexure A, hits the cut-off temperature determined below for the competition of the day.

7.3.1 On a day where matches 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), the Umpire of the Day is responsible for delegating the duty of monitoring the temperature of the day. Although not compulsory, it is recommended the person tasked with this duty is “non-playing” for the day. 7.3.2 Member Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all visiting Team Managers. 7.3.3 For the purpose of temperature monitoring above, Member Clubs are required to make available a computer with internet access, where they can access www.bom.gov.au. Bowls SA will also approve the use of an Apple or Android Application on a mobile phone, if the application is a direct feed from the Bureau of Meteorology. 7.3.4 When on www.bom.gov.au, the nominated person is to click on “SA”, on the light blue menu at the top of the page, and then select “Adelaide Observations”. 7.3.5 It is a minimum requirement that a check of the temperature is done at least once per every 30 minutes of play, however it may be checked more than once if necessary. 7.3.6 If at any stage, the temperature of the day hits the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, will call all players off the green/s at the completion of the end in play. 7.3.7 Once players are called off the green, a 30 minute break will be provided. After 30 minutes, from the time of the initial suspension of play, has passed, the responsible person and the Umpire of the Day will once again check the temperature of the day. If the temperature has dropped below the cut-off temperature, play may recommence. If the temperature remains at or above the cutoff temperature, a further 30 minutes break will be had. 7.3.8 Once play recommences, any further instances of the temperature of the day reaching the cut-off temperature or above will see 7.3.6 repeated.

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7.3.9 If any stage, play is deemed to have been suspended for an hour the match will be suspended and Rule 5.8 of the Metropolitan Pennant Rules and Conditions of Play will apply.

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

The information below now details the process of when a game is rescheduled to an earlier start, and what process is to occur once a match is abandoned as per 7.3.8.

7.4 Saturday Pennant If the temperature for Adelaide on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 4.30pm on Thursday is forecast to be 38 degrees Celsius or above for Saturday all games will be played with practice ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule 7.3.

However, If the Thursday forecast temperature for Saturday is below 38 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at 7:30 am on the day of play (Saturday) then all Premier League & Division 1 - 4 matches will be played on the following Friday night. All other Metropolitan Pennant matches will be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of the Match & Program Committee.

When a decision has been made to play on a Saturday morning, no changes are to be made unless by mutual agreement between the sides drawn to play each other. Bowls SA must be advised by 12 noon Friday of any agreed changes.

7.4.1 Premier League & Division 1 - 4 If it becomes necessary to suspend a match, due to factors as described in Rule 7.3, 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 on the following Friday night, with trials ends commencing at 6.00pm, with all scorecards resuming as per Law 32.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a Friday Premier or Major League match due to inclement (wet) weather, the match 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 match will be rescheduled at the discretion of M&P

7.4.2 Divisions 5 and below If it becomes necessary to suspend a match, due to factors as described in Rule 7.3, 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 match may be rescheduled if possible to be played on the allocated days. If this is not possible then the match will be abandoned

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

7.5 Wednesday Pennant If the temperature for Adelaide on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 4.30pm Monday is forecast to be 38 degrees Celsius or above on Wednesday all Matches will be played with practice ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule 7.3.

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

If it becomes necessary to suspend a match, due to factors as described in Rule 7.3, 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 match will be abandoned

7.5 Thursday Pennant If the temperature for Adelaide on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 4.30pm Tuesday is forecast to be 36 degrees Celsius or above on Thursday, all Matches will be played with practice ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule 7.3.

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

If it becomes necessary to suspend a match, due to factors as described in Rule 7.3, 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 match will be abandoned

7.6 Stoppages of Play When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped 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, as per Rule 6.4.

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 Rules and Conditions of Play applicable to the competition. For match results refer Rule 5.8. A substitute, if available may be used by agreement. The remaining players in the team may continue to play with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applying. DR. 2.5