



Geelong Bowls Region Regulation 2 Weather Policy	Date: 3/12/23
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1. PRINCIPLE

1.1 Geelong Bowls Region strives to ensure that its members participate in the game of bowls in the safest environment possible and with minimum risk of harm. The safety of players and officials will remain the paramount consideration. This includes ensuring the following GBR Weather Policy applies to GBR events, Region wide.

1.2 The decision to suspend or discontinue play as a result of weather conditions remains the discretion of the Controlling Body. In GBR's case that is: the Competition Manager, Venue Manager, Division Managers and Greens Directors.

1.3 GBR provides the following Weather Policy for use during all GBR events.

2. WHERE GBR IS THE CONTROLLING BODY

2.1 At all events where GBR is the Controlling Body, the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au); shall be used to assess and monitor the weather at the event's location:

2.1.1 This is managed by viewing the, [Official BOM App on a smart phone](#).

3. MONITORING AND MANAGING HOT WEATHER

3.1. Before the start of the event, the Controlling Body will monitor the expected temperatures for the duration of the event.

3.2 Before the start of play each day, the temperature will be assessed and an announcement to all players will be made warning them of any expected extreme temperatures, if appropriate. Players will also be made aware that the GBR Weather Policy may be invoked during the event.

3.3 When the Competition Manager (as per 1.2) deems the temperature (as indicated using method listed in point 2.1.2 above) has reached the temperature of: -

- 34 Degrees Midweek Pennant, OR 36 Degrees Saturday Pennant,
- 34 Degrees Womens, OR 36 Degrees Mens, Events & other events including GBR, BV & Championships, OR
- 36 Degrees Mixed Events & other events including GBR, BV & Championships Events,

play will be suspended by the Controlling Body and all players will **complete the end they are currently playing** and move from the green to a cool, shady area. If the end is declared dead, the end will be replayed if and when the game is restarted.

3.4 When the Competition Manager (as per 1.2) determines the temperature has fallen below the recommended guidelines, play should resume.

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3.5 Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other sun protection. It is recommended that a hat be part of any uniform and that sunscreen be worn as appropriate. Drinks should be available at every venue where play/competition takes place. Tap water should be available free of charge and in unlimited quantities.

3.6 Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.

3.7 **Where Play is suspended due to Heat and the Game is not recommenced within 1 hour of the cessation of Play, then the game will be abandoned immediately**

3.8 Authorised person to be involved with Temperature Monitoring during an Event / Match are Controlling Body, Managers, or their nominee. Every such observance of the Temperature should be carried out by a minimum of two persons.

4 TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICE

4.1 For the purpose of determining the temperature the GBR has adopted the use of the Official BOM App on a smart phone displaying the location of play.

4.2 Prior to the game Officials / Managers should include Temperature Monitoring as part of the pre-match discussions.

4.2.1 The BOM weather App is free to download and free to use on both mobiles and tablets.

4.2.2 Opening the App for the first time, it will ask your to **use your location**.

4.2.3 To automatically get the weather no matter where you are, allow location sharing, while using the App. The screen then shows the present **Temperature for your location**.

4.2.4 Both Managers are required to jointly view Temperature displayed and communicate to players if necessary.

5. CODE RED FIRE DANGER RATING DAYS

5.1 If the Day before a scheduled GBR game a Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day is forecast and announced by the Bureau of Meteorology for the Central Fire District for the day of play all GBR Events will be abandoned for that day.

6 TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY

6.1 If a Total Fire Ban Day is declared for the Central Fire District for the Day of Play, play shall be abandoned

7. MONITORING AND MANAGING WET / COLD WEATHER

7.1 Before the start of the event, the Competition Manager will monitor the expected conditions for the duration of the event as per 2.1.1.

7.2 If it begins to rain, play will continue until the Competition Manager (as per 1.2) deems it unsafe to do so or the greens become unplayable.

7.3 In making the decision, the Competition Manager (as per 1.2) will utilise the methods listed in 2.1.1 to gain an understanding of the rain patterns in the immediate area.

7.4 Where play has commenced and subsequently due to consideration of weather one side wished to leave the green, both sides can leave the green but must remain in the vicinity whilst the Umpire resolves the issue

7.5 When the Controlling Body deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per Law 32.

8. LIGHTNING

8.1 Lightning can strike without other typical storm characteristics (i.e., thunder, rain and wind) being present.

8.2 When lightning is sighted by the Competition Manager, (as per 1.2) the Controlling Body will suspend play and all players will be required to leave the green immediately and move to a safe structure.

8.3 When the Controlling Body deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per Law 32.

9. GENERAL GUIDELINES.

9.1 The Controlling Body shall have the Authority to determine, up to two hours before the scheduled commencement of play, whether or not all play will be abandoned for the day

9.2 If due to inclement Weather the start of a Pennant match has been delayed or interrupted in accordance with rules above, and the match cannot be completed before 3.00 pm for a Midweek match and 6.00 pm for a Saturday match, it will be abandoned

9.3 If due to inclement Weather a match has not commenced within one hour of designated start time, (Midweek 11.00am, Saturday 2.00pm) the match will be abandoned.

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9.4 Despite anything contained in this Rule, Side Managers may, by mutual agreement abandon the game at any time due to the prevailing weather conditions if a resumption of play is unlikely.

9.5 Where a decision to abandon play is made by a Club Greens Director due to Greens being closed and the Game has not commenced every attempt shall be made to notify the visiting Club prior to their arrival.

9.6 Where play has commenced and has been stopped owing to inclement weather or because the greens Director or his nominated Representative declared the relevant green unfit for play, it shall not be resumed if the green remains closed for play.

10 ABANDONED GAMES

10.1 Where Play is abandoned due to any of the above criteria the Match (Pennant) will be treated as a draw and all points shared unless the aggregate number of ends (total) have been completed, Approx 80%. Refer to Rules for Competition Rule 26.2

~~10.2 If a Result has not been achieved in the Majority of Matches in a Division, all Matches in that Division shall count as a tie and points shared. (repealed)~~

10.2 Points will be shared by Sides when all games or a majority of games in that Division / Section scheduled for that day are abandoned. (inserted 3/12/23)

11 DISPUTES

11.1 Failing any agreement, the decision shall rest with the Umpire.

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paramount consideration**