

Extreme Weather Policy

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The WADCC refers Clubs to guidelines in relevant documents, such as the Cricket Australia Junior Cricket policy documents.

The additional WADCC rules for its Competitions in extreme heat situations are as follows:

- In exceptionally hot weather, Law 15.9 is modified so that drinks breaks may be scheduled as frequently as required subject to the overall minimum period of play between two drinks breaks, or between a drinks break and the start or conclusion of an off-the-field interval, being 35 minutes.
- On days where the temperature is extremely hot or forecast to be extremely hot at midday, WADCC will consider abandoning play in any Competition, and will notify Clubs through the Competition Manager.

These general considerations apply to the WADCC Competitions:

- The welfare of players and umpires is paramount.
- The primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of individual participants are the individual players and Clubs.
- Individuals have a responsibility to withdraw from participating if their particular circumstances place them at an unacceptable level of risk. Clubs also have a responsibility in this regard.
- On days of extreme heat coaches, players, umpires and officials should be aware of the possible risks and carefully monitor all players and umpires. If any show signs of distress from the heat, swift and appropriate action should be taken.
- Special attention should be given to junior players, as they are more susceptible to heat injury and may also be playing in senior matches on the same day.
- Ensure there are sufficient shaded areas at grounds for both players and spectators where possible.
- In extreme heat conditions ensure there are qualified trainers and first aiders at the ground. The home team is responsible for providing first aid and/or the contact details of the closest medical assistance available.

The additional WADCC rules for its Competitions in thunderstorm situations are as follows:

- If the 'flash to bang' time (the time between the lightning and thunder) is less than 30 seconds leave the field and seek appropriate shelter immediately.
- Only consider the resumption of play and do not venture outside until there has been a gap of 30 minutes from the last clap of thunder.

These general considerations apply to the WADCC Competitions:

- There is imminent danger of a lightning strike if you feel your hair standing on end, there is crackling in the air, you see lightning in the clouds or the flash to bang time is 20 seconds or less.
- Go indoors immediately if you see lightning strike the ground or structure nearby.
- Do not waste time covering the pitch, go near or move metal framed pitch covers or machinery, bunch together as you leave the field or shelter under a tree.

- Consider resuming play 30 minutes after the last thunder clap but if in doubt stay indoors and do not leave shelter to inspect the ground.