



Heat & Inclement Weather Policy

1. POLICY INTENT & COMPLIANCE

Bowls SA is conscious of its responsibility to provide direction to its Member Clubs and Associations in relation to the conduct of the game of bowls under extreme weather conditions such as heat and humidity, rain, hail, high winds and squalls, lightning and prolonged heat.

The intent of this Policy is to enable play to continue wherever possible, empowering Event Managers to display leadership, consult and make decisions in the interests of good sportsmanship and preserving the safety and well-being of members at all times.

As such the following Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy has been developed after research and consultation with appropriate bodies.

The Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy is recommended for adoption by Member Clubs and Associations.

In all instances the Bureau of Meteorology 1196 Weather Service (Adelaide area) or website www.bom.gov.au for your closest weather station, is to be used to access the current or forecast temperature, rainfall, potential high winds and squalls, lightning or the Fire Danger rating for the local area.

Non Adoption or Breach of Policy

Member Clubs and Associations that breach, or choose not to adopt, the Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy will be required to source their own adequate insurance cover.

Bowls SA recommends that all levels of Member Clubs and Associations governance record the adoption of a Heat & Inclement Weather Policy.

2. HEAT & INCLEMENT WEATHER

a. Heat

Play must not proceed in any capacity if the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius or more on the Bureau of Meteorology 1196 Weather Service (Adelaide area) or the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au for your closest weather station.

When the Bureau of Meteorology or Country Fire Service declare a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger (100+ reading), all bowls must be cancelled in the area affected.

To access the current temperature for Adelaide phone 1196.

b. Inclement Weather

Inclement weather includes rain, hail, high winds, squalls and lightning.

Before commencing a scheduled event, the Event Manager, Umpire of the Day and/or Greens Manager or their proxy will be responsible to assess the expected weather conditions for the duration of the event.

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped by the Event Managers, Umpire of the Day and/or Greens Manager or their proxy on the grounds that the greens are closed or the weather conditions are such that continuing play would constitute a breach of duty of care.

When the Greens Manager or their proxy has closed the greens, play shall not be resumed without the permission of the Greens Manager or their proxy.

If play has been stopped it shall not be resumed without permission of the Event Manager and/or Umpire of the Day. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage. Play shall not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage.

In regional areas when inclement weather is forecast, the controlling body's Event Manager is required to monitor Bureau of Meteorology weather reports for local weather conditions and initiate procedures to cancel, or if feasible, postpone play or modify the Conditions of Play for the event.

In all cases players will be advised of the reschedule date for the postponed games, by Bowls SA or the controlling body, as soon as practicable.

c. Lightning

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

Bowls SA is committed to ensuring that all players, officials, administrators and spectators are safe during lightning activity.

When lightning is sighted by the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day, play will be suspended and all players will be required to leave the green immediately and move to a safe structure.

No place is absolutely safe from lightning strikes, but the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day is to ensure that all parties are made aware of the location's safe areas.

SAFER areas include:

- Enclosed vehicles with windows closed (car, bus). Do not touch metal parts.
- Substantial enclosed buildings
- Low ground, sheltering in clumps of low bushes
- Trees of uniform height i.e. forest

UNSAFE areas include:

- High ground
- Open ground
- Water
- Isolated or tall trees
- Near outdoor metal structures such as shade shelters, fences, flag poles, gates, seats, steps, hand rails, boundary pegs
- Equipment such as Bowling Arms, bowls lifters, bowls rakes, umbrella, etc.

When the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Law 50.

3. DUTY OF CARE

- a. In all circumstances Member Clubs, and Associations are urged to ensure a duty of care of participants by exercising caution and regularly monitoring the temperature and any potential inclement weather conditions before commencing, continuing or terminating Pennants, Championship Events, Open Tournaments, training and trial matches and Social and Night Bowls.
- b. If the forecast temperature is 35 degrees or more it is the responsibility of Member Clubs, and Associations to monitor, at regular intervals of no longer than 30 minutes, the temperature during all practice and play and cease play when the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius.
- c. Bowls SA is committed to the safety and well-being of its Members and those playing bowls throughout South Australia. The following directions have been developed with the duty of care of participants as a paramount consideration, whilst enabling all members to participate in a safe environment.

4. MEMBER CLUBS & PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- a. In addition to adopting and applying a Heat & Inclement Weather Policy before commencing, continuing or terminating any Club events, Member Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that they

exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, and shade and sun protection products on all days of play.

- b. Players also have a personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimise any likely effects of heat on their health and well-being.
- c. Cancer Council Australia recommends protecting the eyes from UV at all times when outdoors during daylight hours by wearing close-fitting wraparound sunglasses and a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat to protect the eyes from ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
- d. Any player who considers that the effects of prolonged heat or the forecast temperature for the day of play will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the competition or event without penalty.
- e. Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the temperature on the green is at a level that the player considers places them at risk.

5. PENNANTS

For the Heat & Inclement Weather Policy applicable to pennant competitions please refer to the relevant Association Conditions of Play. These Conditions of Play must be lodged with Bowls SA.

6. BOWLS SA EVENTS & TRAINING

- a. Bowls SA may determine the conditions under which play in a Bowls SA conducted event may commence, continue or be terminated due to extreme weather.
- b. In the event of extreme weather, Bowls SA reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Play for any Bowls SA conducted event to ensure that play continues whilst maintaining a duty of care to all participants and volunteers involved in the event.
- c. Any player who nominates for a Bowls SA conducted event shall be deemed to have accepted the Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy conditions applicable to that event, but may withdraw from the event as per clauses 4d and 4e of this policy.
- d. Bowls SA reserves the right to cancel a State Event or postpone rounds if the event has already commenced, two days prior, if the forecast temperature is deemed to be excessive during times of prolonged heat.

Regional Qualifying Rounds

If the Bureau of Meteorology website temperature for the local postcode on the day of play is forecast to be 38 degrees Celsius or above play, two days prior to the event, the rounds will be postponed and players advised of a reschedule date as determined by the applicable Event Manager in conjunction with Bowls SA.

Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds

At 4.30pm two days prior to the scheduled event, if on the Bureau of Meteorology website the Adelaide forecast is 38 degrees Celsius or above for the day of play, the Bowls SA Event Manager will postpone play to an alternate day or make adjustments to the timing of play to ensure no play occurs when the temperature is 38 degrees or above.

Major Events

- *Country Carnivals*
- *Country Round Robins*
- *Prestige Medleys*
- *Under 18 Shields*
- *Champions Week*
- *Under 18 Championships*
- *Seniors Supa Series*

At 4.30pm two days prior to the scheduled event, if on the Bureau of Meteorology website the Adelaide forecast is 38 degrees Celsius or above for the day of play, the Bowls SA Event Manager will cancel or, if feasible, make alterations to the schedule to enable play on an alternate day or time, which may include the option of playing morning or night games and modifying the Conditions of Play, i.e. reducing the number of ends whilst maintaining a duty of care to all participants and volunteers involved in the event.

In making the decision to play at an alternate time, the Bowls SA Event Manager will take into account all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, prolonged heat, the level of humidity, the Club's evacuation and emergency plans and the amount of shade or shelter available.

In the event of high humidity, the Event Manager may, prior to the commencement of all games, announce that up to three 10 minute breaks will be taken during play at times as determined.

If the temperature on the day of play is forecast to reach less than 38 degrees all major events will commence as scheduled however, if considered necessary due to deteriorating weather conditions such as extreme heat, inclement weather or lightning:

- At the discretion of Bowls SA and the Event Manager the Conditions of Play may be modified which may include scheduling night games.
- Play may be stopped by appeal of a player/team to the Umpire of the Day or Event Manager. If the Umpire of the Day or Event Manager determines that conditions warrant cessation of play they may act on their decision without right of appeal. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage.

Management of Heat Policy (Member Clubs)

For each State Event competition conducted by Bowls SA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all matches, as per the guidelines provided in 3, 4 & 5 below.

When a match is rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat 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 (please refer to Annexure A for guidelines) hits the cut-off temperature determined below for the competition of the day.

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 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.
2. Member Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all players
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.
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" for metropolitan clubs and the relevant observation area for country clubs.
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.
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. 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.

8. Once play recommences, any further instances of the temperature of the day reaching the cut-off temperature or above will see 6 repeated.
9. If any stage, play is deemed to have been suspended for an hour, and at that time there is no possibility of resuming, the match will be suspended and resumed, rescheduled or cancelled at the discretion of Bowls SA.

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 players. However, Club managers and Umpires 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.

SA Representative Events

If the temperature for the day of play is forecast to reach 38 degrees Celsius or inclement weather or lightning is forecast on the Bureau of Meteorology website for the local area, South Australia's Side Manager, in consultation with their opponents Side Manager, will discuss commencing, postponing, rescheduling, cancelling or modifying the Conditions of Play.

Squad Training

If the temperature for the day of Squad Training is forecast to reach 38 degrees Celsius on the Bureau of Meteorology website Adelaide forecast at 4.30pm, two days prior to the training, the Squad Training will be cancelled. The training may, if necessary, may be rescheduled to the evening, at the discretion of Bowls SA.

Bowls SA reserves the right to cancel Squad Training, two days prior, if the forecast temperature is deemed to be excessive during times of prolonged extreme weather.

7. BOWLS AUSTRALIA EVENTS

The Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy, is available on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au and will apply for all Bowls Australia conducted events.

Annexure A – Guidelines for Nearest Weather Stations

Club	Station
Adelaide Bowling Club	Adelaide
Adelaide High OS Bowling Club	Adelaide
Adelaide Oval Bowling Club	Adelaide
Aldinga Bay Bowling Club	Sellicks Hill
Alford Bowling Club	Kadina
Angaston Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Ardrossan Bowling Club	Price
Arno Bay Bowling Club	Cleve
Arthurton Bowling Club	Maitland
Ascot Park Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Auburn Bowling Club	Clare
Balaklava Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Baramera Bowling Club	Renmark
Beachport Bowling Club	Robe
Beaumont Bowling Club	Adelaide
Berri Bowling Club	Renmark
BHAS Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Birchmore Bowling Club	Parndana
Blackwood Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Blanchetown Bowling Club	Eudunda
Blyth Bowling Club	Clare
Booborowie Bowling Club	Clare
Booleroo Centre Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Bordertown Bowling Club	Keith
Brighton Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Brinkworth Bowling Club	Snowtown
Burra Bowling Club	Clare
Bute Bowling Club	Kadina
Cadell Bowling Club	Eudunda
Caltowie Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Ceduna & Districts Bowling Club	Ceduna
Christies Beach Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Clare Bowling Club	Clare

Clarence Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide
Clarendon Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Clearview Bowling Club	Adelaide
Cleve & District Bowling Club	Cleve
Coffin Bay Bowling Club	Point AVOID
Colonel Light Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide
Coonalpyn Bowling Club	Keith
Cowell & District Bowling Club	Cleve
Croydon Bowling Club	Adelaide
Crystal Brook Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Cummins Bowling Club	Cummins Airport
Curramulka Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Edithburgh RSL and Bowling Club	Edithburgh
Edwardstown Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Encounter Bay Bowling Club	Victor Harbor
ETSA Bowling & Croquet Club	Port Augusta
Eudunda Bowling Club	Eudunda
Frances Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Freeling Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Gawler Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Georgetown Memorial Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Geranium & District Bowling Club	Lameroo
Gladstone Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Glenelg Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Goolwa Bowling Club	Hindmarsh Island
Grange Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Gulnare Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Gumeracha District Bowling Club	Mount Crawford
Hahndorf Bowling Club	Mount Barker
Hallett Bowling Club	Clare
Hamley Bridge Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Happy Valley Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Hawker Bowling Club	Hawker
Hawthorn Bowling Club	Adelaide
Henley Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Holdfast Bay Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport

Hope Valley Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Jamestown Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Jervois Bowling Club	Murray Bridge
Kadina Bowling Club	Kadina
Kalangadoo Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Kapunda Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Karoonda & District Bowling Club	Karoonda
Keith Bowling Club	Keith
Kensington/Marryatville Bowling Club	Adelaide
Kimba Bowling Club	Kimba
Kingscote Bowling Club	Kingscote Airport
Kingston SE Bowling Club	Cape Jaffa
Kirton Bowling Club	Port Lincoln
Koolunga Bowling Club	Snowtown
Lameroo Bowling Club	Lameroo
Langhorne Creek Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Laura Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Lenswood Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Lobethal Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Lock Bowling Club	Cleve
Lockleys Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Loxton District Bowling Club	Loxton
Loxton RSL District Bowling Club	Loxton
Lucindale War Memorial Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Lyndoch & Districts Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Lyrup Club Bowling Club	Renmark
Maitland Bowling Club	Maitland
Mallala Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Mannum Bowling Club	Murray Bridge
Marion Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Marion RSL Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
McLaren Flat Bowling Club	Kuitpo
McLaren Vale Bowling Club	Kuitpo
Meadows Bowling Club	Kuitpo
Melrose Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Meningie Bowling Club	Meningie

Milang Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Millicent Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Millswood Bowling Club	Adelaide
Minlaton Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Minnipa Bowling Club	Minnipa RS
Mintaro Bowling Club	Clare
Modbury Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Monash Bowling Club	Renmark
Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club	Kadina
Moorook Bowling Club	Loxton
Morgan Bowling Club	Eudunda
Morphett Vale Memorial Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Mount Barker Bowling Club	Mount Barker
Mount Gambier Bowls Club	Mount Gambier
Mount Gambier RSL Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Mount Pleasant Bowling Club	Mount Crawford
Mundoora Bowling Club	Snowtown
Mundulla Bowling Club	Keith
Munno Para Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Murray Bridge Bowling Club	Murray Bridge
Murray Bridge RSL Bowling Club	Murray Bridge
Murrayville & RSL Bowling Club	Lameroo
Myponga Bowling Club	Sellicks Hill
Naracoorte Bowls Club	Naracoorte
Naracoorte RSL & District Bowling Club	Naracoorte
North Broken Hill Bowling Club	Broken Hill
Novar Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Nuriootpa Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Oakbank Bowling Club	Mount Barker
Orroroo Bowling Club	Yongala
Owen Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Padthaway Bowling Club	Padthaway
Para Hills Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Parilla Bowling Club	Lameroo
Parndana Bowling Club	Parndana
Paskeville Bowling Club	Kadina

Payneham Bowling Club	Adelaide
Penfield Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Penola Bowling Club	Coonawarra
Peterborough Bowling Club	Yongala
Pinnaroo Bowling Club	Lameroo
Playford Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Poochera & District Bowling Club	Minnipa RS
Port Adelaide Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Port Augusta Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Port Broughton Bowling Club	Kadina
Port Elliot Bowling Club	Victor Harbor
Port Germein Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Port Lincoln Bowling Club	Port Lincoln
Port MacDonnell & District Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Port Neill Bowling Club	Cleve
Port Noarlunga Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Port Pirie Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Port Victoria Bowling Club	Maitland
Port Wakefield Bowling Club	Snowtown
Prospect-Broadview Bowling Club	Adelaide
Quorn Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Redhill Bowling Club	Snowtown
Renmark Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Renmark RSL & District Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Reynella Community Centre Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Riverton Bowling Club	Eudunda
Robe Bowling Club	Robe
Robertstown Bowling Club	Eudunda
Rosewater Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Roxby Downs Bowling Club	Roxby Downs
Saddleworth Bowling Club	Eudunda
Salisbury Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Semaphore Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Snowtown Bowling Club	Snowtown
Somerton Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport

Spalding Memorial Bowling Club	Clare
Stansbury Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Strathalbyn Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Streaky Bay Bowling Club	Streaky Bay
Sturt Bowling Club	Adelaide
Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Tailem Bend Bowling Club	Murray Bridge
Tanunda Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Tarlee Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Tintinara Bowling Club	Keith
Toorak Burnside Bowling Club	Adelaide
Torrensvile Bowling Club	Adelaide
Tranmere Bowling Club	Adelaide
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide
Tumby Bay Bowling Club	Port Lincoln
Two Wells Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Uraidla Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Victor Harbor Bowling Club	Victor Harbor
Waikerie Bowling Club	Renmark
Walkerville Bowling Club	Adelaide
Walleroo Bowling Club	Kadina
Walleroo Mines Bowling Club	Kadina
Warooka Bowling Club	Warooka
Wasleys Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Watervale Bowling Club	Clare
West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Bowls Club	Adelaide
West Lakes Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Whyalla Bowling Club	Whyalla
Whyalla Golf Bowling Club	Whyalla
Willunga Bowling Club	Sellicks Hill
Wilmington Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Wirrabara Bowling Club	Port Pirie
Wirrulla Bowling Club	Minnipa RS
Woodside Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Woodville Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport

Wudinna & District Bowling Club	Wudinna Airport
Yacka Bowling Club	Clare
Yankalilla Bowling Club	Sellicks Hill
Yorketown Bowling Club	Warooka
Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club	Broken Hill