



BOWLS
AUSTRALIA

POLICY TITLE: WEATHER POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	Sun Smart Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	BA CEO National Officiating Advisory Group
AUTHORITY:	The Bowls Australia Board, Risk, Integrity and Policy Committee
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
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CONSTITUTION
BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED
ACN: 076 229 699

20. Board Policies

20.1 Policies

20.1.1 The Board may from time to time as circumstances dictate, formulate, interpret, adopt, make, alter and amend Policies for the proper advancement, management and administration of Bowls Australia, the advancement of the Objects and bowls as it thinks necessary or desirable. Policies must (as far as practicable) be in conformity with the rules and regulations of WBL and must be consistent with this Constitution. Policies are binding on all Members.

20.1.2 The CEO shall bring to the notice of the Board and Members all Policies and any formulation, interpretation, amendment, alteration and repeal of them. Member States are obliged to draw such notices to the attention of Members in their States. Notices are binding upon all Members.

20.1.3 All Policies and regulations of the Company in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution insofar as such policies and regulations are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall continue in force under this Constitution.

1. PRINCIPLE

- 1.1 Bowls Australia (BA) 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 BA Weather Policy applies to BA events, nationwide.
- 1.2 The decision to suspend or discontinue play as a result of adverse weather or climate conditions remains the discretion of the Controlling Body. In BA's case that is: the Events and Competition Manager.
- 1.3 BA provides the following Weather Policy for use during all BA events.

2. WHERE BOWLS AUSTRALIA IS THE CONTROLLING BODY

- 2.1 At all events where BA is the Controlling Body, the following methods may be used to assess and monitor the weather and climate conditions at the event's location:
 - Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au);
 - Any other appropriate portable measuring device.

3. MONITORING AND MANAGING EXTREME WEATHER OR CLIMATE CONDITIONS

- 3.1. Before the start of the event, the Controlling Body will monitor the expected temperatures and weather for the duration of the event.
- 3.2 Before the start of play each day, the temperature and other criteria will be assessed and an announcement to all players will be made warning them of any expected extreme temperatures, weather or climate conditions, if appropriate. Players will also be made aware that the BA Weather Policy may be invoked during the event.
- 3.3 Players should consider their own health limitations before commencing play on a day of forecast extreme weather.
- 3.4 When the Events and Competition Manager deems the temperature (as indicated using one of the methods listed in point 2.1 above) has reached the temperature specified within the Conditions of Play, 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.
- 3.5 When the Events and Competition Manager determines the temperature has fallen below the recommended guidelines, play should resume.
- 3.6 Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other sun protection. It is recommended that a suitable 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 or safe drinking 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.

4. MONITORING AND MANAGING WET/COLD WEATHER

- 4.1 Before the start of the event, the Events and Competition Manager will monitor the expected conditions for the duration of the event as per 2.1.
- 4.2 If it begins to rain, play will continue until the Events and Competition Manager deems it unsafe to do so or the greens become unplayable.
- 4.3 In making the decision, the Events and Competition Manager will utilise the methods listed in 2.1 to gain an understanding of the rain patterns in the immediate area.
- 4.4 When the Controlling Body deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per Law 32.

5. LIGHTNING

- 5.1 Lightning can strike without other typical storm characteristics (i.e. thunder, rain and wind) being present.
- 5.2 When lightning is sighted by the Events and Competition Manager, the Controlling Body will suspend play and all players will be required to leave the green immediately and move to a safe structure.
- 5.3 When the Controlling Body deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per Law 32.

6. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS

- 6.1 Clubs should refer to their State or Territory Association Controlling Body's Policy to determine the correct approach to all play not involving a BA event.
- 6.2 The safety of players and officials should remain the paramount consideration at all times.