

## **POLICY 11 - EXTREME WEATHER**

**Link:** Committee, Starclub

***For extreme heat and lightning rules refer to Metropolitan Bowls Association "Conditions of Play" for the current playing Season).***

### **Hot Weather Policy**

The Club Secretary will advise all affected players by email (or nominated communication channel) in a timely manner of any changes in time or cancellation of rounds due to extreme heat.

One nominated Side Manager at home will be tasked with temperature readings on half hour and hour only through the BoM website as per instructions in the MBA Conditions of Play. If the appropriate temperature is reached at the reading on half or on the hour the umpire will be notified and the game called off at that point.

### **Wet Weather Policy**

The club abides by the Metropolitan Bowls Association Conditions of Play and the appointed Greens Manager will seek advice from the Greenskeeper as to whether play is suitable on home greens on the morning of the match.

This will be communicated to the Chairman of Selectors who will advise his affected visiting counterparts. The Chairman of Selectors shall then contact the relevant side managers affected. Side managers will then in turn contact members of their team should the game be cancelled.

For teams playing away the communication channel will be the same as the above, with the Chair of Selectors notifying Side Managers who will then in turn contact members of their team in as timely a manner as possible.

### **Stoppages of Play**

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped by appeal of a Side Manager to the designated Umpire of the day. The designated 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.

Any game during which there is a stoppage of play whilst extreme weather prevails will be deemed to have been completed providing the minimum required ends have been played. Where lightning exists refer to rule 6.4 page 13.

### **Player withdrawal**

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 or 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 is placing them at risk.

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 Conditions of Play applicable to the competition;
- A substitute, if available, may be used by agreement;

- The remaining players in the team may continue to play provided that the Conditions of Play are met.



### **Club Tournaments, Social Games and Practices**

Club tournaments, social games and practices are to cease if the local temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius. However, a club official can delay or stop an event due to extreme weather conditions, out of concern for the players or the greens, even if the extreme policy conditions have not been met.

Venue hirers will also be asked to cease play with the temperature in excess of 38 degrees.