



POLICY: HEAT & INCLEMENT WEATHER

(CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS & BOWLS SA EVENTS)

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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 1300 214 364 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.

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 1300 214 364 Weather Service (Adelaide area) or the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website www.bom.gov.au

- For your closest weather station please refer to the BOM website or see Appendix A (guideline).
- To access the current temperature for Adelaide phone 1300 214 364.

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.

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

- a. Associations are permitted to introduce Playing Conditions/By-Laws that reflect local content. Including
 1. How, Where and When the temperature is determined prior to and during competition,
 2. Any condition that allows for alteration of playing times to avoid cancellation of games. Providing that any such conditions do not conflict with Bowls SA policy
- b. These Conditions of Play must be lodged with and approved by Bowls SA.



6. BOWLS SA EVENTS & TRAINING

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Policy

Monitoring Conditions & Trigger Points

Bowls SA recognises that there can be a fine line when it comes to decision making regarding the cancelling/modifying an activity because of the impact of weather. Some decisions are easy to make, others can be more challenging and all decisions can have various levels of impact on different stakeholders. It is important to find the right balance. Some decisions can't be helped but being made at the last minute.

The following planning guide has been developed to assist Bowls SA, those planning and those participating in all Bowls SA managed events and activities be aware of key decision trigger points

Timing	Activities
Pre event	Where possible back up venue sought Risk management and Modification plans developed, in place and communicated Event registration Terms and Conditions to include and highlight: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weather policy- Refund policy- Modifications statement- Participants responsibility and risk of participation
7 days out from start time	Monitoring of conditions Pre active communication to venues and participants
2 days	If it looks like weather could impact the running of the activity: Communication to participants noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The possibility of modification and or cancellation- What options the participant has- Outline of plans of what will occur between now and the planned activity Competition manager to work with and communicate with the venue and other stakeholders
24 hour prior to activity	Where weather conditions are likely to impact an activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communicate to participants and other stakeholders them aware of any expected impacts and modifications being implemented for the following days activity.
Morning of activity	2 hours before the start of the first activity: The temperature and conditions will be assessed by the Competition Manager and an announcement to all players and officials will be made, making them aware of any expected impacts and modifications being implemented.

b. Once matches have commenced the Host Playing Association temperature in place for play at any selected venue shall be applicable to events conducted at that venue.

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.

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.

References, Legislation & Industrial Instruments

This policy & procedure is not intended to override any industrial instrument, contract, award, or legislation.

Policy Reviews and Updates

Version History

Version	Changes	Endorsement date:	Endorsed by:
2	Removal of Bowls SA Events. This information is now located in 'Policy - Heat and Inclement Weather (Bowls SA Events)'		

Please note, most recent version information needs to be located at the top of the table

Appendix A – Guidelines for Weather Stations

Club	Station
Adelaide Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Adelaide High OS Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Adelaide Oval Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Aldinga Bay Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Alford Bowling Club	Kadina
Angaston Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Ardrossan Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Arno Bay Bowling Club	Cleve Airport
Arthurton Bowling Club	Kadina
Ascot Park Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Auburn Bowling Club	Clare
Balaklava Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Barmera Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Beachport Bowling Club	Robe Airport
Beaumont Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Berri Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
BHAS Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Birchmore Bowling Club	Parndana
Blackwood Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Blanchetown Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Blyth Bowling Club	Clare
Booborowie Bowling Club	Clare
Booleroo Centre Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Bordertown Bowling Club	Keith West
Brighton Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Brinkworth Bowling Club	Snowtown
Burra Bowling Club	Clare
Bute Bowling Club	Kadina
Cadell Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Caltowie Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport



Ceduna & Districts Bowling Club	Ceduna
Christies Beach Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Clare Bowling Club	Clare
Clarence Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Clarendon Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Clearview Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Cleve & District Bowling Club	Cleve Airport
Coffin Bay Bowling Club	Point AVOID
Colonel Light Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Coonalpyn Bowling Club	Keith West
Cowell & District Bowling Club	Cleve Airport
Croydon Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Crystal Brook Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
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	Parawa West
ETSA Bowling & Croquet Club	Port Augusta
Eudunda Bowling Club	Clare
Frances Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Freeling Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Gawler Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Georgetown Memorial Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Geranium & District Bowling Club	Lameroo AWS
Gladstone Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Glenelg Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Goolwa Bowling Club	Hindmarsh Island
Grange Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Gulnare Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Gumeracha District Bowling Club	Mount Crawford
Hahndorf Bowling Club	Mount Lofty



Hallett Bowling Club	Clare
Hamley Bridge Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Happy Valley Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Hawker Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Hawthorn Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Henley Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Holdfast Bay Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Hope Valley Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Jamestown Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Jervois Bowling Club	Pallamana
Kadina Bowling Club	Kadina
Kalangadoo Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Kapunda Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Karoonda & District Bowling Club	Lameroo AWS
Keith Bowling Club	Keith West
Kensington/Marryatville Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Kimba Bowling Club	Cleve Airport
Kingscote Bowling Club	Kingscote Airport
Kingston SE Bowling Club	Cape Jaffa
Kirton Bowling Club	Port Lincoln Airport
Koolunga Bowling Club	Snowtown
Lameroo Bowling Club	Lameroo AWS
Langhorne Creek Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Laura Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Lenswood Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Lobethal Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Lock Bowling Club	Cleve Airport
Lockleys Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Loxton District Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Loxton RSL District Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Lucindale War Memorial Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Lyndoch & Districts Bowling Club	Nuriootpa

Lyrup Club Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Maitland Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Mallala Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Mannum Bowling Club	Pallamana
Marion Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Marion RSL Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
McLaren Vale Bowling Club	Kuitpo
Meadows Bowling Club	Kuitpo
Melrose Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Meningie Bowling Club	Keith West
Milang Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Millicent Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Millswood Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Minlaton Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Minnipa Bowling Club	Minnipa RS
Mintaro Bowling Club	Clare
Modbury Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Monash Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club	Kadina
Moorook Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Morgan Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Morphett Vale Memorial Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Mount Barker Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
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 West
Murray Bridge Bowling Club	Pallamana
Murray Bridge RSL Bowling Club	Pallamana
Murrayville & RSL Bowling Club	Lameroo AWS
Myponga Bowling Club	Strathalbyn

Naracoorte Bowls Club	Naracoorte
Naracoorte RSL & District Bowling Club	Naracoorte
North Broken Hill Bowling Club	Broken Hill Airport
Novar Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Nuriootpa Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Oakbank Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Orroroo Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Owen Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Padthaway Bowling Club	Padthaway
Para Hills Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Parilla Bowling Club	Lameroo AWS
Parndana Bowling Club	Parndana
Paskeville Bowling Club	Kadina
Payneham Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Penfield Bowling Club	Edinburgh
Penola Bowling Club	Coonawarra
Peterborough Bowling Club	Port Pirie
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	Hindmarsh Valley
Port Germein Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Port Lincoln Bowling Club	Port Lincoln Airport
Port MacDonnell & District Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Port Neill Bowling Club	Cummins Airport
Port Noarlunga Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Port Pirie Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club	Edithburgh
Port Victoria Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport



Port Wakefield Bowling Club	Snowtown
Prospect-Broadview Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
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	Clare
Robe Bowling Club	Robe Airport
Robertstown Bowling Club	Clare
Rosewater Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Saddleworth Bowling Club	Clare
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	Edithburgh
Strathalbyn Bowling Club	Strathalbyn
Streaky Bay Bowling Club	Ceduna
Sturt Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Tailem Bend Bowling Club	Pallamana
Tanunda Bowling Club	Nuriootpa
Tarlee Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Tintinara Bowling Club	Keith West
Toorak Burnside Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Torrensville Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Tranmere Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Tumby Bay Bowling Club	Port Lincoln Airport
Two Wells Bowling Club	Edinburgh



Uraidla Bowling Club	Mount Lofty
Victor Harbor Bowling Club	Hindmarsh Island
Waikerie Bowling Club	Renmark Airport
Walkerville Bowling Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Walleroo Bowling Club	Kadina
Walleroo Mines Bowling Club	Kadina
Warooka Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Wasleys Bowling Club	Roseworthy
Watervale Bowling Club	Clare
West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Bowls Club	Adelaide (West Terrace)
West Lakes Bowling Club	Adelaide Airport
Whyalla Bowling Club	Whyalla
Whyalla Golf Bowling Club	Whyalla
Willunga Bowling Club	Noarlunga
Wilmington Bowling Club	Port Augusta
Wirrabara Bowling Club	Port Pirie Airport
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	Noarlunga
Yorke town Bowling Club	Minlaton Airport
Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club	Broken Hill Airport