

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY

This policy shall apply to all Penrith Junior Cricket Association matches where adverse weather conditions including, wet weather, lightning, extreme heat and poor air quality pose obvious and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.

All teams must assemble, irrespective of weather conditions, at the ground in the draw, where the umpires shall decide as to the fitness of the weather conditions, the pitch and the playing area.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with clause 8 - **Grounds & Pitches** of the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**.

WET WEATHER



LIGHTNING



EXTREME HEAT



AIR QUALITY



WET WEATHER & LIGHTNING POLICY

WET WEATHER

As per clause 8.7 – **Wet Weather** of the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**; in the event of wet weather, all teams must assemble, irrespective of weather conditions, at the ground in the draw, where the umpires shall decide as to the fitness of the weather conditions, the pitch and the playing area.

In addition to the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**:

Penrith Council

Council has the authority to close a ground during the week (Mon-Fri) for school use. Controlling associations or clubs have the authority for weekday training and on the weekend (Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays).

Clubs who are reminded that they remain responsible for determining the suitability for use of individual grounds in terms of player safety and potential ground damage. The cost of repairs to grounds for damage caused is the responsibility of the user group.

Blue Mountains City Council

Please find below a link to the wet weather policy of BMCC

<http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/download.cfm?f=CA6F06AA-C29F-26E0-DABEEC560988CC02>

Please be advised that during the summer season BMCC leaves the ground you refer to below open for cricket in the weekends.

Be aware that only Blaxland Oval maybe closed during *heavy rain* during the week because of schools wanting to use it – but the nets are always open for practice and cricket can still be played in the weekend. The grounds referred to are Lapstone Oval, Glenbrook Park, Knapsack Park and Blaxland Oval (St Johns).

LIGHTNING

As per clause 8.4 – **Lightning** of the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**, play shall cease immediately, in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later. Play shall not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning flash.

EXTREME HEAT POLICY

This policy is in effect for the protection of children. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the loss of competition points.

TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

- i. Should the weather forecast for the weekends play deemed at the discretion of the Executive Committee be excessive and dangerous for play, then they may be abandoned all play prior to 8pm of the evening prior to the scheduled days play.
- ii. Should the *feels like* or effective temperature (taking into account wind and humidity) for Penrith from the Weatherzone App be 32 degrees Celsius or higher prior to the commencement of play then play for the day shall be abandoned.

CESSATION OF PLAY

- i. Play shall cease immediately in the event that the Weatherzone *feels like* or effective temperature in Penrith reaches or exceeds 40 degrees Celsius. In this instance play will be abandoned for the remainder of the day. Normal local rules will apply with regards to determining the result in the instance of play being abandoned due to extreme heat.
- ii. Umpires are required to check the temperature (including refreshing the screen) at the conclusion of every over.

SMARTPHONE APP



Weatherzone shall be the official App for sourcing temperature data. The *feels like* temperature for Penrith shall be the official temperature measurement. Smartphone location settings must be set for Penrith.

T20 FIXTURES

The Executive Committee reserves the right to revert all stage 2 (U12 & U13) and Stage 3 (U14, U15 & U16) games to a T20 format no later than 8pm on the Friday before play should the forecast temperature be considered excessive and dangerous.

AIR QUALITY POLICY

Air quality can vary significantly across the PJCA playing region and Air Quality Monitoring Stations may not truly represent the conditions at a particular ground. As per clause 8 - **Grounds & Pitches** of the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**; the umpires (or coaches in the absence of official umpires) can suspend play if they consider conditions to be a danger to the safety of players. Play cannot commence (or resume) until the air quality has improved to the agreement of both coaches, with any time lost being accounted for as per the PJCA **Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions**.

The PJCA Executive Committee will rely on the NSW Government Air Quality Categories (AQC) as the sole indicator for air quality. The reading for Penrith will be used in all instances. The reading for Penrith from the Air Quality Concentration Data can be found here:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/air-quality/air-quality-concentration-data-updated-hourly>

The below AQC measurements shall be used by the PJCA Executive Committee:

POOR

Clubs and team officials will be empowered to determine the suitability of the air quality at each venue.

VERY POOR

The PJCA Executive Committee will abandoned all play prior to 8pm of the evening prior to the scheduled days play.

EXTREMELY POOR

The PJCA Executive Committee will abandoned all play prior to 8pm of the evening prior to the scheduled days play.

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AIR QUALITY CATORGORIES

Air quality category	General health advice and recommended actions Sensitive groups including: people with a heart or lung condition, including asthma people over the age of 65 infants and children pregnant women	Everyone else
Good	NO CHANGE needed to your normal outdoor activities.	NO CHANGE needed to your normal outdoor activities.
Fair	REDUCE outdoor physical activity if you develop symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath. Consider closing windows and doors until outdoor air quality is better. Follow the treatment plan recommended by your doctor. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.	NO CHANGE needed to your normal outdoor activities.
Poor	AVOID outdoor physical activity if you develop symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath. When indoors, close windows and doors until outdoor air quality is better. Follow the treatment plan recommended by your doctor. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.	REDUCE outdoor physical activity if you develop symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath.
Very poor	STAY INDOORS as much as possible with windows and doors closed until outdoor air quality is better. If you feel that the air in your home is uncomfortable, consider going to a place with cleaner air (such as an air-conditioned building like a library or shopping centre) if it is safe to do so. Actively monitor symptoms and follow the treatment plan recommended by your doctor. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.	AVOID outdoor physical activity if you develop symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath. When indoors, close windows and doors until outdoor air quality is better. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
Extremely poor	STAY INDOORS with windows and doors closed until outdoor air quality is better and reduce indoor activity. If you feel that the air in your home is uncomfortable, consider going to a place with cleaner air (such as an air-conditioned building like a library or shopping centre) if it is safe to do so. Actively monitor symptoms and follow the treatment plan recommended by your doctor. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.	STAY INDOORS as much as possible with windows and doors closed until outdoor air quality is better. If you feel that the air in your home is uncomfortable, consider going to a place with cleaner air (such as an air-conditioned building like a library or shopping centre) if it is safe to do so. If you are concerned about symptoms call the 24-hour HealthDirect helpline on 1800 022 222 or see your doctor. In a health emergency, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

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Air Quality concentration data - updated hourly

The reading will be taken from the Sydney North-west / Penrith and can be found here: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/air-quality/air-quality-concentration-data-updated-hourly>

Wednesday 9 December 2020 4 - 5 am (AEST)		GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	EXTREMELY POOR			Site AQC	Regional AQC	
								highest level at the site	highest level for the region		
Pollutants		Ozone O3	Ozone O3	Nitrogen dioxide NO2	Visibility NEPH	Carbon monoxide CO	Sulfur dioxide SO2	Particles PM10	Particles PM2.5		
Averaging Periods		1-hour average	rolling 4-hour average	1-hour average	1-hour average	rolling 8-hour average	1-hour average	1-hour average	1-hour average		
Units		pphm	pphm	pphm	10 ⁻⁴ m ⁻¹	ppm	pphm	µg/m ³	µg/m ³		
Sydney East	Cook And Phillip	0.1	0.4	1.8	0.12	0.2	0.0	20.0	10.3	GOOD	GOOD
	Chullora	0.1	0.5	1.8	0.23	0	0.1	27.1	0	GOOD	
	Earlwood	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.15			16.1	10.4	GOOD	
	Lidcombe	0.1	0.4	1.8	0.14	0.2	0.0	20.5	11.4	GOOD	
	Macquarie Park	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.13	0.2	0.0	8.1	8.2	GOOD	
	Randwick	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.15			0.0	19.1	0.9	
	Rozelle	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.15	0.1	0	16.8	5.1	GOOD	
Sydney North-west	Parramatta North	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.16	0.2	0.1	16.9	1.5	GOOD	GOOD
	Penrith	0	0.1	1.2	0.21	0.1	0.0	32.9	8.6	GOOD	
	Prospect	0.1	0.3	1.7	0.18	0.0	0.1	17.3	6.5	GOOD	
	Richmond	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.13			0.0		GOOD	
	Rouse Hill	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.14	0.2	0.0	17.6	6.7	GOOD	
	St Marys	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.13			7.9	7.5	GOOD	
	Bargo	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.14		0.1	13.8	6.8	GOOD	
Sydney South-west	Bringelly	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.10		0	5.4	6.4	GOOD	GOOD
	Camden	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.12	0.1		8.5	2.0	GOOD	
	Campbelltown West	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.16	0.1	0.1	15.2	0	GOOD	
	Liverpool	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.17	0.0	0.0	21.8	9.3	GOOD	
	Oakdale	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.12			14.4	8.1	GOOD	
Illawarra	Wollongong	0.1	0.6	1.8	0.15	0.1	0.0	15.2	1.6	GOOD	GOOD
	Kembla Grange	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.12			16.1	10.8	GOOD	
	Albion Park Sth	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.13		0	7.8	4.2	GOOD	
Lower Hunter	Newcastle	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.14	0.2	0.0	16.7	4.7	GOOD	GOOD
	Beresfield	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.13		0.1	14.5	6.2	GOOD	
	Wallsend	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.10		0.1	12.3	0	GOOD	
Central Coast	Wyong	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.08	0.0	0.0	10.4		GOOD	GOOD
Lake Macquarie	Morisset	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.10	0.1	0.0	7.8	1.8	GOOD	GOOD
Central Tablelands	Bathurst	0.0	0.1					8.2	6.0	GOOD	GOOD
	Orange	0.4	0.5		0.09			10.4	2.8	GOOD	
Mid-north Coast	Coffs Harbour										GOOD
	Port Macquarie	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.13	0	0	7.8	1.3	GOOD	GOOD
Northern Tablelands	Armidale				0.04						GOOD
North-west Slopes	Gunnedah	0.3	0.7	1.1				19.0	5.5	GOOD	GOOD
	Narrabri							14.3	8.0	GOOD	
	Tamworth	1.3	1.4					11.4	6.0	GOOD	
Southern Tablelands	Goulburn	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.12			10.1	4.6	GOOD	GOOD
South-west Slopes	Albury	0.3	0.5					9.6	11.0	GOOD	GOOD
	Wagga Wagga Nth	0.4	0.4					13.4	1.9	GOOD	
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook			1.4			0.1	17.1	6.8	GOOD	GOOD
Singleton	Singleton			0.5			0	7.1	0	GOOD	GOOD
Merriwa	Merriwa	0.5	0.9	1.4	0.20	0	0.0	20.1	6.9	GOOD	GOOD