

NDCA ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY



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

1. Should the weather forecast for the weekend's play deemed at the discretion of the Executive Committee be excessive and dangerous for play, then they may abandon all play prior to 8pm of the evening prior to the scheduled days play.
2. 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

1. Play shall cease immediately in the event that the Weatherzone *feels like* or effective temperature in Penrith reaches or exceeds 36 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.
2. Umpires or scorer 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.

WET WEATHER & LIGHTNING POLICY

WET WEATHER

As per clause 8.7 – **Wet Weather** of the NDCA **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 NDCA **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 NDCA **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.

AIR QUALITY POLICY

NDCA Adverse Weather Policy

Air quality can vary significantly across the NDCA playing region. Monitoring stations may not always represent the conditions at a specific ground. Clause 8 – *Grounds & Pitches* of the NDCA *Conduct of Games & Playing Conditions* states that umpires or coaches can suspend play if air quality poses a danger to players. Play can only resume when both coaches agree that conditions have improved.

The NDCA Executive Committee uses NSW Government Air Quality Categories (AQC) as the sole indicator, specifically the Penrith reading.

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

AQC Measurement Categories & Actions

- **POOR** — Clubs and team officials determine suitability of air quality at each venue.
- **VERY POOR** — NDCA Executive Committee will abandon all play prior to 8 pm the evening before the scheduled day's play.
- **EXTREMELY POOR** — NDCA Executive Committee will abandon all play prior to 8 pm the evening before the scheduled day's play.