

## CRICKET SOUTHERN BAYSIDE EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY

If there is an adverse weather forecast (wet weather or extreme heat) for the scheduled playing day:

### IN ADVANCE

The CSBMT may consider a full or partial cancellation in advance and where applicable will seek necessary guidance from the Bureau of Meteorology and/or selected medical and legal practitioners. Should this occur, all clubs will be notified via email and text message to the Club President, Secretary & Administrator, and the decision posted on the CSB website and via Facebook and Twitter.

### MATCH DAY MORNING

The CSBMT will consult once ground reports and all available forecast data has been collated. The CSBMT's decision will be conveyed via email and text message to the Club President, Secretary & Administrator, and the decision posted on the Cricket Southern Bayside website and via Facebook and Twitter.

\* For extreme hot heat, all Cricket Southern Bayside decisions will be based on the major Bureau of Meteorology issue for Moorabbin at 5.05am game day (Refer Table below)

Bureau of Meteorology Forecast for Moorabbin as at 5:05am	Division	
	Championship, Division 1 & 2	All other Divisions
Temperature: 40+ (No change expected before 4:30pm)	Play abandoned	Play abandoned
Temperature: 40+ (Change expected 1:00pm-4:30pm)	Report to grounds	Play abandoned
Temperature: 37.0-39.9 (No change expected before 4:30pm)	Report to grounds	Play abandoned
Temperature: 37.0-39.9 (Change expected before 4:30pm)	Report to grounds	Report to grounds

### MATCH DAY

If the CSBMT's decision is "report to grounds", conditions should be monitored and decisions regarding play shall be in the hands of the umpires.

### EXTREME HEAT

It shall be the responsibility of each club's scorer and team captain to monitor on a half-hourly basis, current temperatures via the Bureau of Meteorology website or 1196 weather information line. Should the current temperature reach 38 degrees for the Moorabbin district, play shall be suspended immediately. The temperature shall be monitored and play shall not resume until the temperature falls below 37 degrees.

Notwithstanding the above, the umpires shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion.

No person is forced by CSB to participate in any match and Clubs shall place no pressure on any participant if he/she considers withdrawing from any part of a match for health reasons.

Where applicable, the CSBMT may choose to cancel lower XI's only.

## **PARTIAL CANCELLATION**

Where applicable, the CSBMT may choose to cancel lower XI's only.

## **LIGHTNING**

Should thunderstorms be prevalent on match day, the 30/30 rule should be used to determine whether play should be suspended and when it is safe to resume. Thunderstorms within 10km are deemed dangerous – the 30/30 rule is used to determine the distance to the storm so match officials can make the appropriate decisions.

Sound travels at a speed of around 1km every 3 seconds. When lightning is sighted, count the seconds between the flash of lightning and the sound of the thunder. If the time between flash and bang is less than 30 seconds, this means the storm is within 10km and is therefore close enough to be dangerous. Play should then be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes, and must not resume until 30 minutes after the last audible thunder.

## **CRICKET SOUTHERN BAYSIDE EXTREME CONDITIONS GUIDELINES**

Cricket Southern Bayside Rule 20.1, in particular 20.1.4 and 20.1.5, provides the prime guidance for the management of conditions during Cricket Southern Bayside matches. While this rule is generally considered to relate to the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play to continue, it equally applies to extremes of conditions such as heat, cold, wind and lightning which may make continuation of play dangerous. The Rule charges the Umpires with the responsibility to manage conditions and as such they are the final arbiters as to the fitness of conditions to allow play to continue.

When a period of extreme temperature is forecast, the following issues need to be considered by all participants when dealing with the heat:

- The conditions at each venue are to be assessed on a case by case basis
- Umpires and clubs are encouraged to arrange extra drinks breaks (every 4-5 overs if necessary) and unrestricted drinks around the boundary for bowlers and at the fall of a wicket for fielders to assist with hydration.
- Umpires and clubs are also encouraged to “manage” the availability of the extra 30 minutes of playing time available, eg the implementation of additional intervals.
- Where possible, unrestricted interchange of substitute fielders shall be permitted. Umpires will be lenient in relation to Law 2.5 (re fielder leaving the field for more than 15 minutes not being permitted to bowl immediately).
- Umpires are to ensure that all time delays associated with implementing heat mitigation measures are recorded as allowances when calculating over rates for the purpose of determining penalty overs (ie “On-Field Delays Allowance” is to be adjusted accordingly).

The Umpires are required to do all within their power to facilitate play without compromising their responsibility in respect of “duty of care”. They are therefore required to balance all the factors and make a decision whether the conditions are fit for play and, if not satisfied that they are safe, suspend play until such time as they are. Any such decision by our Umpires in relation to extremes of temperature would be absolutely supported should it occur.

