



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY 2016-2017

Note – Change from previous years. In a change from previous years, pennant matches will be played at all venues that are open even if the majority of other venues have been closed.

Greens Unavailability

At each Member Club, the Greens Manager or their proxy shall decide whether or not the greens are unsuitable for play for the whole day. If the greens are unsuitable for play the home side will notify the designated contact for each of the Clubs that are playing at that venue on that day. This will be done before 10.00am (Wednesday and Saturday) and 8.00am (Thursday).

Cancellation at Venue Prior to Commencement of Play

If weather conditions deteriorate at a Member Club which has not declared its greens unsuitable for play for the whole day, the decision whether or not play shall start due to the condition of the greens, shall be the sole responsibility of the Member Club's Greens Manager or their proxy.

Cancellation during Play

When play has commenced and weather conditions deteriorate, the Umpire of the Day will stop play if the Home Club's Greens Manager or their proxy closes the green. This may be in regard to the condition of one or all greens at the venue. Play shall not be resumed without the permission of the Greens Manager or their proxy. The Umpire of the Day may also stop play if a Side Manager appeals on the grounds that the weather conditions are such that continuing to play would constitute a breach of duty of care. A Side Manager's appeal shall only affect the game in which their side is engaged and shall not affect any other games at the same venue. The Umpire of the Day may also act on his/her own discretion without appeal from either Side Manager if it is felt that the conditions warrant cessation of play. If play has been stopped it shall not be resumed without permission of the 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 may not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage. Scoring of incomplete games will be in accordance with Rule 5.8.

Procedure in Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather players are to contact their Member Club to determine if play will proceed or be postponed. Players **MUST NOT** contact the Bowls SA Office or Match and Program.
