

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs

FROM: Match & Program Committee

DATE: Monday 22 January 2018

SUBJECT: 2017-18 Saturday Pennants – Round 12

Reference 1718/46

This is an update on the situation regarding last Saturday's pennant round.

On Saturday, according to the Bureau of Meteorology's website, the cut-off temperature of 38 degrees was reached at the Adelaide (West Terrace) weather station at 2:00 pm and the Edinburgh weather station at 3:30 pm. Consequently matches at all venues that are allocated to those weather stations needed to stop playing at the completion of the end in play.

It is clear that this did not occur at some venues using the Adelaide weather station, and may not have occurred at some using Edinburgh.

We are also aware of one venue using the Adelaide Airport weather station that called off their match despite the cut-off temperature not being exceeded as per the rules.

Match & Program is investigating and last night wrote to all the relevant Clubs seeking information. This investigation will take several days, which means we will be unable to finalise results for Round 12 at this stage – please bear with us.

The MBA and Match & Program take the Heat Policy very seriously (as should all Clubs) and we are disappointed that the Rules may not have been adhered to. This policy has been devised with the health and safety of our members in mind and it is vital that the rules be applied correctly and consistently. Clubs are also reminded that they may not be fully covered with regard to their insurance if they don't adhere to the Heat Policy.

We will provide an update as soon as possible, but I anticipate our investigation will not be complete before this weekend.

On a related matter, given the forecasts for the coming weekend, we are considering our options for Saturday round 13. We will advise Clubs as soon as a decision has been made.

If there are any questions regarding the above changes or further clarification required, please contact Match & Program (matchcommittee@bowlssa.com.au)

Regards



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