



WEATHER POLICY

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When severe wet weather is forecast, information received from local and state weather authorities, such as the BOM, should be used to determine whether to cancel, postpone, or reschedule the event. Consideration needs to be given to many factors including:

- Amount and intensity of rain
- Hail
- Severity of wind
- Water volume on courts
- Lack of grip on courts
- Player age and ability level on court

KDNA can cancel, postpone, or reschedule matches due to severe weather, including high winds, hail, dust storms or any other weather considered by KDNA to be unsafe.

Lightning Policy:

In the absence of specific information of weather information from BOM then the 30/30 Safety Guideline should be used during KDNA events when there is a threat of lightning. According to this guideline, when lightning is considered a possible or actual threat, then the following procedures are applicable:

- The observation of approaching storm clouds, the first flash of lightning or clap of thunder, no matter how far away, should heighten lightning awareness. The level of risk depends on one's location (direction and distance) relative to the storm cell and the direction in which the storm system is travelling. It is important to remember that lightning may be obscured by clouds, so it must be assumed that when thunder is heard, lightning is in the vicinity.
- A simple method of determining the distance to the storm cell is to measure the time elapsed from when the lightning flash is observed and when the associated clap of thunder is heard. Assuming the light from the flash reaches the observer instantaneously and knowing that sound takes approximately 3 seconds to travel 1 kilometre, then the distance between the observer and the lightning is one kilometre for every three seconds elapsed between the flash and the thunderclap.

- An acceptable distance from lightning is greater than 10km. This means that as the time interval between observing the flash and hearing the thunder is 30 seconds or less, all those in exposed areas should be seeking or already be inside safe shelters.
- It is recommended that people wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to activities after they have been stopped due to lightning. This figure is based on the observation that the typical storm moves at about 40kmph. Thus, waiting 30 minutes allows the thunderstorm to be approximately 20km away, minimising the likelihood of a nearby lightning strike.

Cancellations:

Should a competition round need to be cancelled due to extreme wet weather it is the competition co-ordinators responsibility to contact the team/club before the game if possible.

Matches:

The following modifications to the match rules will be implemented by the competition co-ordinator. If the court area is considered unsafe due to wet weather conditions

- The match shall be reduced from 4 x 15 minute quarters to 4 x 8 minute quarters.
- The umpire may stop the game at any time to check the wellbeing of players, however the clock will not be stopped

Abandoned Games:

- If a game is abandoned before it commences or before half time it will be counted as a draw
- If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result
- Umpires will be paid regular match fee for abandoned matches, unless plenty of notice has been given as per standard policies/procedures.
- Teams can forfeit games if they chose to do so. However, they must advise the office as early as possible to ensure the notifications can be made. The team that initiates the forfeit will forgo the 2 points in line with KDNA policy.

Heat Policy

The KDNA rules for its events in extreme heat conditions are as follows:

On days where the temperature is extremely hot or forecast to be extremely hot at midday, KDNA will consider cancelling, postponing, or rescheduling any events or activities, and will notify Associations, Clubs, or participants where applicable. Extremely hot weather is considered 36C degrees or above. SMA states that the risk of "Heat Illness" at this temperature is extreme. Refer to BOM's forecast or latest weather pages for temperature forecast and/or current forecast. The SMA indicates that a high risk of heat illness may be prevalent at temperatures of 31C degrees or above so consideration to modifying the intensity & duration of events should also be given in this scenario.

Further considerations that will apply at KDNA events and activities:

- On days of high to extreme heat coaches, players, umpires, and officials should be aware of the possible risks and carefully monitor all players and umpires. If participants show signs of distress from heat, immediate action must be taken to alleviate the issue.
- Special attention should be given to junior players because they are more susceptible to heat injury.

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Should a competition round need to be cancelled due to extreme heat it is competition co-ordinator's responsibility to contact the team/club before the game if possible.

Matches:

The following modifications to the match rules will be implemented by the competition co-ordinator. If the court area temperature is 36 degrees Celsius or higher at the commencement of the game.

- The match shall be reduced from 4 x 15 minute quarters to 4 x 8 minute quarters.
- The umpire may stop the game at any time to check the wellbeing of players, however the clock will not be stopped, including opportunity for extra drink breaks. All other match rules remain.
- If the court temperature is 38 degrees Celsius or higher at commencement, matches must be abandoned.

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