



BCA POLICY 2 - WET WEATHER

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The BCA Pennant Committee, in consultation with the BCA Grounds Committee and all other associated ground staff, are charged with making the decision on any cancellations of play prior to the scheduled start times. This applies to both Senior and Junior cricket matches.

Normally, the BCA Pennant Committee will make a decision on play by 7:30am for Junior matches and 10.00am on the morning of scheduled play with information from ground staff and BCA Grounds Committee. Players and teams will be notified through local radio stations 3BA, Power FM, social media and email to Club Executives if play has been abandoned.

As per BCA Rule 6.4 - The grounds on which the matches shall be played shall be arranged by the Pennant Committee and they may, if necessary, alter the programme in respect of dates or grounds on which any of the matches shall be played. The playing of matches due to wet weather will be decided upon by the Pennant Committee in conjunction with the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, based upon a common-sense approach as to play as much cricket as is possible under the prevailing conditions. Player safety is always the BCA priority in consideration of play on days of wet weather.

The BCA Pennant Committee reserves the right to cancel all or some matches regardless of any match status or playing day (eg, 2nd week of a 2 day match).

It is the responsibility of the Umpires and Captains to refer to the WeatherZone App on a smartphone or tablet, referencing the location the match is being played immediately before play is due to commence to see if further rain is imminent in the immediate area.

Captains and Umpires should consider the following:

- Is it safe for players to play in the conditions?
- Is it still raining?
- Misty.
- Light.
- Heavy showers. (once players leave the ground for rain, play can resume once it is deemed fit for play. The rain does **NOT** have to be stopped completely.)
- According to the radar, is further rain possible?
- Are there any puddles or very wet areas obvious on the ground and run-ups?
- Are players able to stand-up when fielding a ball?
- Are the bowler's run-ups causing concern?
- Is it dangerous for play to continue?
- What is the light like?
- No change, vision is quite good.
- Dull and overcast.
- Light is fading and becoming quite dark. (indicator).
- Once play is underway, common sense should prevail on whether play should continue, taking into consideration player safety at all times.

The WeatherZone App provides you with a radar picture with settings of 64km, 128km, 256km and State level of the predicted weather over the next 30-120 minutes at intervals of 6 minutes.