

Bowls Victoria - Key rules for inclement Weather (including Heat) Delays

	Weekend	Midweek
Fire Warning Central fire District "Code Red" for day of play Total Fire Ban involving a TFB registered Club	Section 1 / 36 All Metropolitan games will be abandoned All games involving Donvale Sides will be abandoned	
Heat	Section 1 / 36	
(a) Before Play	*Play is usually to commence on Weekends at 1pm (Section 3 / 3 & 1 / 29) with one trial end in each direction prior to that.	**Play is usually to commence Tuesdays at 10:30am (Section 2 / 5 & 1 / 29) with one trial end in each direction prior to that.
(i) If Temp >= 36C as per BOM App for Viewbank at scheduled commencement time */**:	Play Not to Commence and may be suspended for up to 1 hour.	
(ii) If temp >= 36C as per BOM App for Viewbank beyond 1 hour after scheduled commencement:	Section 1 / 36.2.1 Match to be abandoned (side managers to record times)	
(b) During Play	Section 1 / 36.2.2	
(i) If Temp >= 36C as per BOM App for Viewbank at any time after play commences:	Play to be suspended for up to 1 hour (every effort required to complete end in progress)	
(ii) if temp fails to reduce to <36C after 1 hour:	Match to be abandoned	
(iii) If play has not been completed by:	Five hours after scheduled start Match to be abandoned	
Other Inclement Weather	Section 1 / 36.3	
(i) if play cannot commence at scheduled time:	Play may be suspended for up to 1 hour	
(ii) if play cannot commence after 1 hour of suspension:	Match to be abandoned (Section 1 / 21.4 Greens Director or Deputy can close the green)	
(iii) if at any time after play commences play can't continue: (Time to be recorded; on agreement by Side Managers or resulting from appeal to umpire).	Play may be suspended for up to 1 hour and every effort must be made to complete ends in progress prior to leaving the green. If end is not completed prior to leaving green then after 10 minutes a Stoppage has occurred and the end is a dead end (Section 1 / 36.6 and Law 33).	
(iv) If play has been interrupted and not completed after 5 hours from the scheduled start time.	Match to be abandoned	
(v) Lightning evident	Section 1 / 36.4 Play should be immediately suspended and players should go inside an enclosed building until 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning and not use lifters, bowlers arms or umbrellas.	
(vi) Hazardous Air Quality (as notified www.epa.vic.gov.au/EPAAirWatch)	Section 1 / 36.5.1 If EPA Air Quality / Airwatch forecast for "Melbourne" on Saturday at 11am or Tuesday at 8:30am is rated as Hazardous, then that round of pennant will be abandoned.	
(vii) Poor or Very Poor Air Quality (as notified www.epa.vic.gov.au/EPAAirWatch)	Section 1 / 36.5.2 If EPA Air Quality / Airwatch forecast for "Melbourne" on Saturday at 11am or Tuesday at 8:30am is rated as Poor or Very Poor, then any club may declare no play without penalty.	