



POLICY TITLE: EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Toowoomba City Bowls Club (TCBC) is committed to the well-being and safety of its members and those playing at our Club, therefore we have adopted the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy along with this TCBC Extreme Weather Policy for your Safety.

1.2 The following guidelines have been developed with the duty of care of participants as a paramount consideration whilst enabling all members and visitors to participate in a safe environment.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PLAYER

2.1.1 Any Player who considers that the forecast temperature for the day of play will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from a competition or event. Such withdrawal may occur during the course of play where the temperature is at a level that the player considers places them at risk. The player and/or the team they are playing with will be deemed to have forfeited the match unless, in the case of a team, an eligible substitute is found.

2.1.2 Players have the personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimize any likely effects of heat and cold on their health and well-being by using hats, suitable sun glasses, sunscreen, maintaining full hydration, taking adequate breaks, wearing appropriate cold weather clothing and avoiding play in the hottest part of the day where possible.

2.2 CLUB

2.2.1 The Club has the responsibility to ensure that they also exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, shade and sun protection products, and providing playing opportunities away from extreme heat and cold.

2.2.2 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 35°C or above on the day of play, play shall not be held on the synthetic green (Denis Healy Green), except for play starting at 3.30pm during the Summer Sizzle Series.

3. SUMMER PLAY

3.1 All play at the Toowoomba City Bowls Club during summer (1 December to 28(29) February) will commence at 8.30am unless otherwise expressly stated in the event Conditions of Play (Summer Sizzle Series may start at 3.30pm). This start time is irrespective of the predicted maximum for any given day.

4. WINTER PLAY

4.1 All play at the Toowoomba City Bowls Club during winter (1 June to 31 August) will commence at 12.30pm unless otherwise expressly stated in the event Conditions of Play. This start time is irrespective of the predicted maximum for any given day.

5. OTHER PLAY

5.1 Play at all other times (non-summer/winter) will be as outlined in the conditions of play for the event/s. Generally, this will be 12.30pm for the Wednesday Social play and 9.00am for the Friday Social play unless otherwise advised.

6. EXCEPTIONS FOR EXTREME HEAT

6.1 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 40°C or above on the day of play, play shall be cancelled.

6.2 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 35°C or above but less than 40°C on the day of play, the start of play will be at 8.30am.

7. WEATHER BREAKS

7.1 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 32°C or more on the day of play, play may be interrupted for a 15-minute player comfort break after 10 ends of play and thereafter a 10-minute break may be taken after every 5 ends of play.

7.2 During these breaks, players may leave the green and seek a cool place to sit (including in the Clubhouse) and partake of cold drinks to prevent dehydration. Such breaks may be requested by any player on the green, but these breaks are optional only and not mandatory.

7.3 If one player in a match requests a 'weather break' that match shall be temporarily suspended for the relevant break. This policy also applies to all Club Championship matches which historically do not allow for a break in play.

7.4 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be less than 35°C, and play starts at the usual time (12.30pm) but the temperature 'on the green' is recorded at 35°C or more during play, the previously mentioned 'weather break' policy is to be implemented.

8. PORTABLE TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICE

8.1 To ensure player welfare, TCBC may utilise a portable temperature measuring device to record the temperature 'on the green' on any given day to be certain that the appropriate welfare actions are in place. Temperatures recorded by such a device will be taken to be 'official' for the purpose of applying this policy.

9. EXTREME COLD

9.1 If the maximum temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 8°C or less on the day of play, play shall be cancelled.

9.2 If the maximum temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be 12°C or less on the day of play, play may be interrupted for a 15-minute player comfort break after 10 ends of play and thereafter a 10-minute break may be taken after every 5 ends of play.

9.3 During these breaks, players may leave the green and seek to warm up in the Clubhouse, and partake of warm drinks. Such breaks may be requested by any player on the green, but these breaks are optional only and not mandatory.

9.4 If one player in a match requests a 'cold weather break' that match shall be temporarily suspended for the relevant break. This policy also applies to all Club Championship matches which historically do not allow for a break in play.

9.5 If the maximum temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the day preceding play is forecast to be more than 8°C, but the temperature 'on the green' is recorded at 8°C or less during play, the 'cold weather break' policy is to be implemented.

10. CLUB COACHING (TUESDAY)

10.1 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the preceding Monday is forecast to be 35°C or above, coaching will be cancelled.

10.2 If the maximum temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the preceding Monday forecast to be 8°C or less, coaching shall be cancelled.

10.3 If the temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the preceding Monday is forecast to be 32°C or more, members and guests attending Tuesday coaching/practice will be advised to take regular breaks from play of 10 – 15 minutes each hour.

10.4 If the maximum temperature for Toowoomba on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) at 6.00pm on the preceding Monday forecast to be 12°C or less, members and guests attending Tuesday coaching/practice will be advised to take regular breaks from play of 10 – 15 minutes each hour.

11. PRACTICE AND ROLL-UPS

11.1 All players at practice on days of extreme heat and cold are responsible for sound self-management practices as described in paragraph 2.1. Players should bring their own water or other fluids with them if practising during times that the Clubhouse is not open.

12. INCLEMENT WEATHER.

12.1 This policy is to be read in conjunction with the TCBC Wet Weather Considerations adopted on 5/11/2017.

12.2 The decision to suspend or cancel play in order to protect the playing surface of the greens on any day rests with the Greenkeeper or the Greens Director in consultation Club President. If the Greenkeeper or Greens Director is not present, the responsibility for greens closure lies with the Club President or delegate.
