



Newcastle Junior Cricket Association EXTREME WEATHER POLICY



This Extreme Weather Policy applies to NJCA organised competitions including the regular NJCA club competition and NJCA organised representative competitions, including the January Carnivals. It does not apply to other competitions that NJCA teams may compete in, eg, the Cricket NSW Youth Championships. These competitions are governed by their own policy.

i) Extreme Heat

When extreme heat is expected, various control measures may be adopted to minimise the effect of heat on all participants. Data will be sourced from the AccuWeather App to inform all decisions.

Prior to 7.30am on each match day, playing conditions may be altered via a Facebook post on the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association's Facebook page. These control measures will be mandatory and may include:

- Reminder of CNSW's sun protection guidelines
- Requirement to schedule additional drinks breaks
- Reduction of innings duration (for example, from 40 overs format to T20 format)
- Cancellation of the match

If the match hasn't been cancelled via a Facebook post before 7.30am, all participants are to proceed to the ground as scheduled, where the commencement or continuation of play will be in the hands of the umpire. The following temperature thresholds from the AccuWeather App shall guide the umpire's decisions:

- If the "feels like" temperature exceeds, or is expected to exceed 33 degrees, schedule additional drinks breaks, to be taken in the shade, and reduce the number of overs by two overs for each additional drinks break.
- If the "feels like" temperature exceeds 38 degrees, suspend play until the "feels like" temperature falls below 38 degrees.

ii) Lightning

Play shall cease immediately in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later, and may not recommence until 30 minutes have elapsed after the last lightning flash. Participants may not enter the field of play for any reason during this period.

iii) Extreme Air Quality

When poor air quality is expected, various control measures may be adopted to minimize the effect of heat on all participants. Data will be sourced from the "AirVisual" app to inform all decisions.

Prior to 7.30am on each match day, playing conditions may be altered via a Facebook post on the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association's Facebook page. These control

measures will be mandatory and may include:

- Advice on the possible effects of poor air quality on sensitive people
- Reduction of match duration (for example, from 40 overs format to T20 format)
- Cancellation of the match

If the match hasn't been cancelled via a FB post before 7.30am, all participants are to proceed to the ground as scheduled, where the commencement or continuation of play will be in the hands of the umpire. The following air quality thresholds from the AirVisual app shall guide the umpire's decisions:

- Prior to the match, if the local AQI exceeds, or is predicted to exceed 125 during the match, consider reducing the match duration, after consultation with both teams.
- During the match, if the local AQI exceeds 150, suspend play until the local AQI falls below 140.