



CROQUET SA WEATHER POLICY

This policy governs all Croquet SA programmed games whether played at HQ or at a club.

1. Hot Weather:

Play is determined by the forecast temperature in the Bureau of Meteorology's 4-30 pm forecast the evening prior to the playing of any games – www.bom.gov.au, or as given in any of the local TV stations' evening news services (all are based on the Bureau's 4-30 pm forecast).

For Saturday Pennants and other competitions played on a three sessions per day basis:

- A forecast temperature over **32°** but not over **34°**, the first two sessions are to be played.
- A forecast temperature over **34°** but not over **36°**, only the first session is to be played.

For events not played on a sessional basis:

- A forecast temperature over **32°** but not over **34°**, games will be played, but must finish no later than 1.30 pm.
- A forecast temperature over **34°** but not over **36°**, no play between 11.00 am and 7.00pm. Games which are not likely to finish before 11am must not be started.

For both sessional and other events:

- A forecast temperature over **36°** (whether it is reached or not), no daytime games will be played.
- A forecast temperature of **38° or higher** no night time (7.00 pm.) games will be played.
- At Hutt Road, the manager of the event (for individual competitions), the captain of the Day Duty Team (AC pennants), or the captain of the managing team (GC pennants) must ensure this policy is followed. For SACA competitions played at clubs the captain of the home team is responsible. Players must never be pressured into playing in breach of this policy.
- Heatwave conditions – the E&P Coordinators have the right to defer games scheduled to start at 7pm if they consider it unreasonable/unsafe to play in periods of extreme or prolonged heat.
- Players do not have to turn up for games which are deferred due to forecast hot weather. Games will normally be rescheduled.

2. Temperature higher than the *forecast temperature*:

- If the forecast temperature is between **32°** and **34°** but it appears likely to the person in charge (as above) that the actual temperature is likely to be above 34° by 11.00am, the person in charge must check the actual temperature as close to 11.00am as practicable, and if this confirms a temperature above 34°, he/she will not permit any games not already commenced to start; this decision will be binding for all players.



- Association games in play for more than 30 minutes are to be pegged down, others will be re-scheduled.
- Golf croquet games in which more than two hoops have been made may be finished, others will be rescheduled.
- Actual temperature can be checked on the Bureau of Meteorology website as above, using the computer in the office at Hutt Road. At clubs, temperature can be checked at that website if the club has an internet connection, or by phoning 1900 926 120, or by use of an appropriately located thermometer if the club has one.

3. Wet Weather:

- In general, play will continue in spite of rain for as long as the lawns remain playable. If a lawn is too wet to play on, players must be prepared to wait for half an hour, as the lawns usually drain quite quickly once rain has stopped. If rain continues so that play is still impossible after half an hour, then games will be rescheduled. If games have been in play for more than 30 minutes and the lawns then become unplayable and remain so after half an hour, then:
 - For GC, games will be rescheduled.
 - For AC those games must be pegged down. If there has been less than 30 minutes of play, the games will be completely rescheduled.
 - If there is lightning or hail, players **must** leave the lawns immediately and seek adequate shelter, but must remain to see if play can be resumed later. In all cases common sense should prevail.