

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs

FROM: Match & Program Committee

DATE: Tuesday 7 January 2020

SUBJECT: 2019-20 Thursday Pennants – Round 9

The forecast for Thursday 9 January 2020 at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 7 January 2020 on the BOM website is 40 degrees Celsius.

As per Rule 7.5 of the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play 2019-20, **all Round 9 Thursday Pennant matches will be played with practice ends commencing at 9.15am**, under the conditions as described in Rule 7.2.

As per Rule 7.1, matches will still proceed at the early start time even if the forecast temperature on Wednesday or Thursday morning is 36 degrees Celsius or above.

Please note that as per Rule 3.2.4 the number of **ends played will be reduced to 18 ends** with the minimum number of ends completed to declare a game "complete" to be as per Rule 5.8 (3 team sides – 36 ends, 2 team sides – 24 ends)

Clubs are reminded that they need to have a dedicated person monitoring the temperature to ensure that games do not continue if the cut-off temperature (**36 degrees Celsius**) is reached (as per Rule 7.2). Please note that it is only the temperature on the hour and 1/2 hour that are used to determine whether play will cease.

7.2.4 It is a requirement that a check of the temperature at the designated weather station is done shortly after each hour and half hour during play (i.e. to find out the temperature recorded at the assigned Weather Station at the hour and half hour e.g. 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm etc.).

7.2.5 If the recorded temperature at the hour or half hour reaches or exceeds the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, will direct all players to stop playing after completing the end in play. Any resulting dead ends will not be replayed. Play will be suspended for the day.

Member Clubs are also reminded that for all matches that are played on days of extreme heat, it is recommended that mid-game breaks are only taken upon mutual agreement between Side Managers. However, Side Managers are advised to be mindful of the duty of care for all participants and monitor the conditions and consider breaks, if necessary, to provide participants with opportunities to hydrate.

If there are any questions regarding the above changes or further clarification required, please contact Match & Program (matchcommittee@bowlssa.com.au)

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