



BOLAND ROLBAL / BOWLS

Bowls - a sport for all

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URGENT MESSAGE TO CLUBS

Boland Bowls – Inclement Weather Policy

A game of bowls can be stopped in terms of Law 33 of The Laws of the Sport of Bowls because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason.

To this end, the following are to be applied by the relevant authority when stopping a game:

High Temperature:

Temperature to be taken as close as possible to the green but NOT in direct sunlight

- Temperatures up to 35 degrees
 - If a player shows signs of lack of concentration, thirst, dry mouth, nausea, fainting or headache – the chances are they are dehydrated.

The player should request a break of 10 minutes. The umpire present must allow this request. If the players exhibit these symptoms but refuses to take the break, the umpire, must insist on a break.
 - If the player feels well enough to continue after 10 minutes, the game continues.
 - If a player feels that they cannot continue, then the game must be forfeited.
 - Normal rules apply to the results of a player that withdraws from a competition.
- Temperatures between 35 and 38 degrees
 - The above points all apply and in addition, competitors must take a mandatory 10-minute break after every 30-minute period on the green.
- Temperatures above 38 degrees

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- Should temperature exceed 38 degrees, play should be suspended immediately. No player or players can elect to continue their game.
- The competition secretary should monitor the temperature on a reliable application such as AccuWeather or YR weather or similar, and should the forecast temperature for the rest of the day show a reasonable chance of the temperature dropping below 38 degrees by 16:00 / 16:30, play should then continue for as long as light allows, and if not, play should be suspended and postponed to the following day. The Regional Competition Secretary must be notified of the situation.
- Should the heat wave persist the following day, the Competition Secretary / Controlling Body will agree and communicate an alternative date.

Rain:

Play is to be called off, when in the opinion of the Controlling Body and the Greenkeeper, the green is waterlogged, and any further play will damage the green.

High winds:

Play is to be called off, when in the opinion of the Controlling Body that the wind is of such a velocity / force, that the jack / bowls are being moved on an ongoing basis.

Lightning Strike / Discharge:

Umpires shall not be responsible to call off the players during lightning /thunderstorm activity, unless an appeal has been made by the player/s. Play is to be called off, when in the opinion of the Controlling Body that there is a danger to players because of a lightning strike.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, or any other valid reason causes play to be terminated prematurely, only the Controlling Body in conjunction with the Boland Bowls Executive on hand, shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds to be played and/or ends required to win a match in order to determine the winner.

Yours sincerely

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