

Annexure Q: Bad Weather Response Policy**1. The Umpires**

1.1 Law 2.7 shall apply subject to the following amendment:

- (a) Following the period prescribed for play on any scheduled match day, if the umpires consider the wicket, ground or weather conditions unsafe to play, then play may be suspended until it is considered safe to play or the day's play is cancelled.
- (b) Where a Club is not in control of its grounds, it is recognised that the ground authority may cancel the day's play.

2. Suspension of Play in Dangerous or Unreasonable Conditions

2.1 The following shall apply in addition to Law 2.8:

- (a) If thunder follows a lightning flash within forty (40) seconds but more than thirty (30) seconds, play must cease immediately. Players and officials must leave the field immediately but may cover the wicket and make necessary preparations for the thunderstorm.
- (b) If thunder follows a lightning flash by 30 seconds or less, players and officials must leave the field and must not return for any reason until 30 minutes after the suspension commences.
- (c) If during the suspension of play thunder follows a lightning flash by thirty (30) seconds or less, the thirty (30) minute suspension period is to recommence.
- (d) Umpires will reinspect as often as appropriate and shall advise both captains of resumption times when agreed upon.
- (e) In the event of multiple matches being played at the same venue, should one ground leave the field under this policy, an airhorn type siren is to be sounded at the request of the umpires by the Home Club. Upon the sounding of this siren, all matches at the venue are to cease immediately.

3. Changing Agreed Time of Intervals

3.1 Law 11 shall apply, subject to the following amendments.

In relation to the Men's First and Second Grade Competitions:

- (a) In the event of the ground, weather or light conditions causing a suspension of play, the umpires, after consultation with the captains, may decide in the interests of timesaving, to bring forward the time of the luncheon interval.
- (b) If an innings ends or there is a stoppage caused by weather or bad light within 10 minutes of the agreed time for the luncheon, the interval shall be taken immediately. The interval shall be of the allocated length and the time remaining in the session of play shall be added to the length of the next session. No extra allowance shall be made for the 10 minute interval between innings.