



Diamond Valley Cricket Association

Adverse Conditions Guidelines

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Introduction

Playing sport in summer presents many obstacles related to the weather conditions. These guidelines have been developed for clubs to give them a clearer understanding of what will take place in the event of adverse conditions. Adverse conditions include adverse weather, light or ground conditions, hot weather and exceptional circumstances.

The DVCA uses MyCricket to send out important SMS communications, particularly critical for notification of the Heat policy on extreme weather days. Clubs can maintain their list of contacts for SMS communication via MyCricket. After logging into MyCricket navigate to the **Administration Mode** and then under the **Organisation Menu** select **Contacts for Parent Organisations**. From this screen you add contact and select **Receive SMS**. As per the club contacts form please enter TWO contacts for each club – one senior and one junior contact. It will then be the clubs' responsibility to forward on information to all players, members.

Procedure

Hot Weather

The Diamond Valley Cricket Association (DVCA) follows the guidelines set out by the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU) and Cricket Victoria (CV) when determining whether the conditions are fit to play in the event of hot weather.

Senior Cricket

The DVCA Extreme Heat Policy shall be implemented by the DVCA Executive when the temperature for Viewbank is forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology (Phone 1196) to reach 38°C during normal hours of play.

If the temperature reaches 38°C at any time throughout play the DVCA General Manager or their nominated representative will communicate to all clubs and umpires via SMS that play is to immediately cease.

Play will then be suspended immediately, and will not start or re-start until the General Manager or their nominated representative notify clubs and umpires that it is below 38°C. The General Manager or their nominated representative will continue to check at each 15 minute interval on and from the hour (eg 1:00pm, 1:15pm, 1:30pm, etc.). If play is delayed for 1 hour in one continuous block of time (not accumulative blocks), all play in all matches will be abandoned for the day. The DVCA General Manager or their nominated representative will communicate this to clubs via SMS and will also update all social media platforms of their decision.

Junior Cricket

The DVCA Extreme Heat Policy shall be implemented by the DVCA Executive when the temperature for Viewbank is forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology (Phone 1196) to reach 36°C during normal hours of play.

No evening match will start if the temperature has reached 36°C at 5.00pm. All players are nevertheless to report to grounds and await further advice.

For all evening matches, the General Manager or their nominated representative will monitor the temperature and will advise clubs and umpires by SMS (whilst updating all social media platforms), should it be decided that play will cease for the day.

The DVCA Executive reserves the right to delay the decision to cancel the day's play should a foreseeable change in weather be forecast.

Wet Weather

For all DVCA Cricket (Seniors and Juniors) a Grounds Committee has been developed to investigate grounds in the event of adverse weather conditions.

This Committee will comprise at least 2 Executive and 2 Umpires Association representatives. If home & away matches appear likely to be affected by adverse conditions, it will inspect at least 8 typical DVCA grounds before 11.00am on the match day, (3.00pm for junior evening games) or on a previous day if the Executive thinks fit. If it considers 50% or more of those grounds unfit for play, it will cancel the day's play for all senior and junior grades. Otherwise, the question of whether conditions are fit for play will be decided on a match by match basis.

Note: This does not apply to the 2nd day of a two-day game, where the decision to play rests with the umpires or captains (where there are no attending umpires). In the case of juniors matches the decision rests with the official umpire, in the event of no official umpire being present the decision then rests with the coaches/team managers.

If play is cancelled due to these conditions the DVCA General Manager or their nominated representative will communicate this to clubs and umpires by SMS and will also update all Social Media platforms of this decision.

The DVCA Executive reserves the right to cancel a day's play at any stage for any reason. If the DVCA Executive wishes to cancel a day's play they will communicate to all clubs and umpires via SMS, update all Social Media and Website by 11.00am Saturday (Senior Cricket), by 3.00pm Wednesday and Friday (Junior Cricket) and by 11.00am Sunday (Senior and Veterans Cricket).

Please note: If communication has not been received by the allotted time above, ALL players are required to report to grounds.