

(Extract from the 2010 Rules Section 3.)

3. FITNESS OF THE GROUND

- (a) Play should only be suspended when the conditions are so bad (including lightning) that it is unreasonable or dangerous to continue. A ground is unfit for play when it is so slippery so as to deprive batters or bowlers of a reasonable foothold, or the fieldsmen freedom of movement. **The safety of players at all times must be paramount.** Play should not be suspended merely because the grass is wet and the ball slippery.
- (b) The decision concerning the fitness for play of the ground, including the pitch, must be made by a representative from each team and/or official umpires. In those cases when club groundsmen are concerned with ground preparation, the decision concerning ground fitness for play should involve such representatives and/or official umpires and club groundsmen (if applicable). Where a club groundsmen has **full** control of the ground, the groundsmen's decision shall be final.
- (c) If team representatives, with their players in attendance, disagree regarding the fitness of the ground for play the present state continues. That is, if play has not commenced and the representatives disagree, there will be no play. If play has been suspended because the ground is unfit for play, the team representatives must agree before play resumes. No time shall be added to the match to make up for time lost to adverse conditions or injury.
- (d) (The 30/30 Rule) If thunder follows a lightning flash by thirty (30) seconds or less play must cease and players and officials leave the field immediately. Play must not resume until thirty (30) minutes after the initial lightning flash. If during the suspension of play thunder follows a lightning flash by thirty (30) seconds or less the suspension period is to recommence.

Note. See Standard AS/NZS 1768:2007 "Lightning Protection".

Note. A 30 second time difference indicates the flash was within a 10km radius, a 15 second time difference is within a 5km radius, and a 3 second difference indicates within a kilometre.

WET WEATHER INFORMATION

The Management Committee is loath to make a general cancellation. Coaches are requested to communicate with opposition coaches using phone numbers on club pages in this publication. Grounds should be inspected and a decision made whether or not to play. Coaches and Managers are asked to communicate with parents as soon as possible if there is a cancellation.

If a General cancellation decision is made on Friday evening, it will be posted on www.bnjca.org.au by 8:00pm and an email will go to all clubs. If the General cancellation decision is not made until Saturday morning an email will go to all clubs and it will be posted on the www.bnjca.org.au website by 7:15am.

Procedure for the following week

If games are cancelled one week and no play has occurred and the second week can be played, then games revert to ONE DAY games and follow ONE DAY rules. Abstracts are completed as if it is a ONE DAY game. Player of the round criteria is subsequently reduced to 70 points for the ONE DAY game.