

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXTREMES OF WEATHER

Policy

Hockey shall be played in all but the most extreme of weather conditions and is a Summer Olympic Sport.

The overarching policy on Extremes of Weather is the [Hockey Australia Extreme Weather Policy](#)

** Link active as of 01 Feb 2023*

Local Variations

Authority

PMHHA Committee shall be responsible for deciding to postpone a round, a day of matches or any other number of matches based upon the prevailing or predicted weather conditions and in accordance with the most up to date version of the Hockey Australia Extreme Weather Policy.

In the interests of immediate safety, this authority and decision-making process may extend to the senior most Officer Bearer who may act alone. If an Ordinary Member is present on-site, they may act in consultation with an Officer Bearer to make an immediate decision in the interests of safety. Any decision making must always be in accordance with the policy set by Hockey Australia.

PMHHA management will issue updates and notifications via social media and emails at the earliest available opportunity.

Delegated Authority

If the weather becomes inclement during a match, the umpires officiating over the game, in consultations with both team captains¹ have the delegated authority of PMHHA management to;

- halt that specific match until the weather passes, or
- call the game to an end, dependant on available time left in the allocated time slot.

Inclement weather may mean²

- Too hot,
- Too cold,
- Presence of Lightning,
- Presence of Hail,
- Field is unplayable more than 2/3rds of the field is covered in water / rain and deemed unplayable, and the ball will not roll correctly through the water.
- Field becomes unplayable for any other weather-related reason.
- Any other reason as listed in the Extremes of Weather Policy issued by Hockey Australia

If the weather is inclement prior to the start of a match, the umpires and team captains may delay the start of a match until such time as the inclement weather passes. Any delayed match must stay within the designated time slots allowed for that match to be played. A match that has already commenced or is delayed, may be called a match subject to the definition of what constitutes a match under the current playing rules for that grade / age group.

¹ This authority may further be delegated, in the absence of a member of PMHHA Committee, to appropriately aged adults (coaches / managers) if it is junior training or games being played,.

² Refer Hockey Australia Policy on Extremes of Weather for definitions.