

# BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC WEATHER POLICY

## WET WEATHER

BWHA requests & expects all club officials and players to take due care when competing in wet conditions. Please ensure all players and officials compete with adequate equipment particularly shoes to cope with wet conditions.

No fixtures will be conducted when lightning is in close proximity to the venue – all matches **must** be suspended during this time.

### Junior Grass Fixtures

1. BWHA Junior Management will meet with the BWHA Grounds Committee at the BWHA Clubhouse **no later than 7.00am** on any fixture day when there has been significant rain on the day before and/or overnight.
2. The Officials will walk all fields to determine the extent of rain effect and will note on the form provided areas that have visible ground water.
3. The Grounds Committee will check weather forecasts for the day.
4. Discussions will determine:
  - a. What fields if any are unplayable or may become unplayable
  - b. If games will be played on all fields
  - c. If games will be played on some fields, which fields can be used.
5. The Convenor of the Grounds Committee will complete the recommendation form and give to Junior Management for action as required, **no later than 7.30am**.
6. If games are to be postponed, then Junior Management will contact all club Secretaries involved to advise. The contact order will be determined by the distance of clubs from venue and time slot for their games.
7. ***It is then the clubs' responsibility to have a Wet Weather Policy in place to advise all their members.***
8. Junior Management will organise the cancellation information to be listed on the Web Page: [www.bwha.com.au](http://www.bwha.com.au).
9. Junior Management will place a message on the Wet Weather # 1900 962 018.
10. Junior Management will put a message regarding cancellations on the answering machine. The association phones will be switched to answering machine mode.
11. ***Clubs are asked to advise all club members prior to the season – not to ring the BWHA Office for cancellation information.***

12. Fixtures cancelled will be played on the next available Sunday after cancellation. Minkey & Modified games cancelled will not be re-scheduled.

### **Senior Grass Fixtures**

1. BWA Senior Management will meet with the BWA Grounds Committee at the BWA Clubhouse **no later than 11.00am** on any fixture day when there has been significant rain on the day, the day before and/or overnight.
2. The Officials will read the reports and be informed of the decisions made for the Junior Fixtures.
3. The Officials will walk all fields to determine the extent of rain effect and will note on the form provided areas that have visible ground water.
4. The Grounds Committee will check weather forecasts for the day.
5. Discussions will determine:
  - a. What fields if any are unplayable or may become unplayable
  - b. If games will be played on all fields
  - c. If games will be played on some fields, which fields can be used.
6. The Convenor of the Grounds Committee will complete the recommendation form and give to Senior Management for action as required, **no later than 11.30am**.
7. If games are to be postponed, then Senior Management will contact all club Secretaries involved to advise. The contact order will be determined by the distance of clubs from venue and time slot for their games.
8. ***It is then the clubs' responsibility to have a Wet Weather Policy in place to advise all their members.***
9. Senior Management will organise the cancellation information to be listed on the Web Page: [www.bwha.com.au](http://www.bwha.com.au).
13. Senior Management will place a message on the Wet Weather # 1900 962 018.
10. Senior Management will put a message regarding cancellations on the answering machine. The association phones will be switched to answering machine mode.
11. ***Clubs are asked to advise all club members prior to the season – not to ring the BWA Office for cancellation information.***
12. Fixtures cancelled will be played on the next available Sunday after cancellation.

## **Turf Fixtures**

1. The Venue Management will advise the BWA Technical Official of the condition and availability of the field/s of play.
2. The BWA Technical Official will advise BWA Management of the Venue Management advice.
3. A decision will then be made regarding which fixtures will be postponed.
4. If games are to be postponed, then Senior Management will contact all club Secretaries involved to advise. The contact order will be determined by the distance of clubs from venue and time slot for their games.
5. ***It is then the clubs' responsibility to have a Wet Weather Policy in place to advise all their members.***
6. Senior Management will organise the cancellation information to be listed on the Web Page: [www.bwha.com.au](http://www.bwha.com.au).
7. The Technical Officials will place a message on the Wet Weather # 1900 962 018
8. ***Clubs are asked to advise all club members prior to the season – not to ring the BWA Office for cancellation information.***
9. The postponed fixtures will be played at a time determined by Management as soon as practical after the cancellation and may include mid-week games.

## **HOT WEATHER**

BWA requests & expects all club officials to take due care when competing in high temperatures. The Local Rules of BWA hockey allow for unlimited interchange for 16 players (11 on the field at any time) and this interchange system should be used to its' best effect during periods of high temperature to ensure all players remain hydrated.

Clubs also have a responsibility to ensure all players are aware of pre, during and post game hydration needs of hockey players and that this information is given to all players and they are allowed adequate opportunity to hydrate during a match.

BWA encourages Goal Keepers to take a water bottle onto the field of play, leaving it behind the goal box, so it may be accessed any time during the game, when the goal keeper is not involved in the play.

The decision to use a drinks break, will mean reduced playing time. All games must run on scheduled times unless otherwise determined by Management.

### **Grass Fixtures (General Central timed games)**

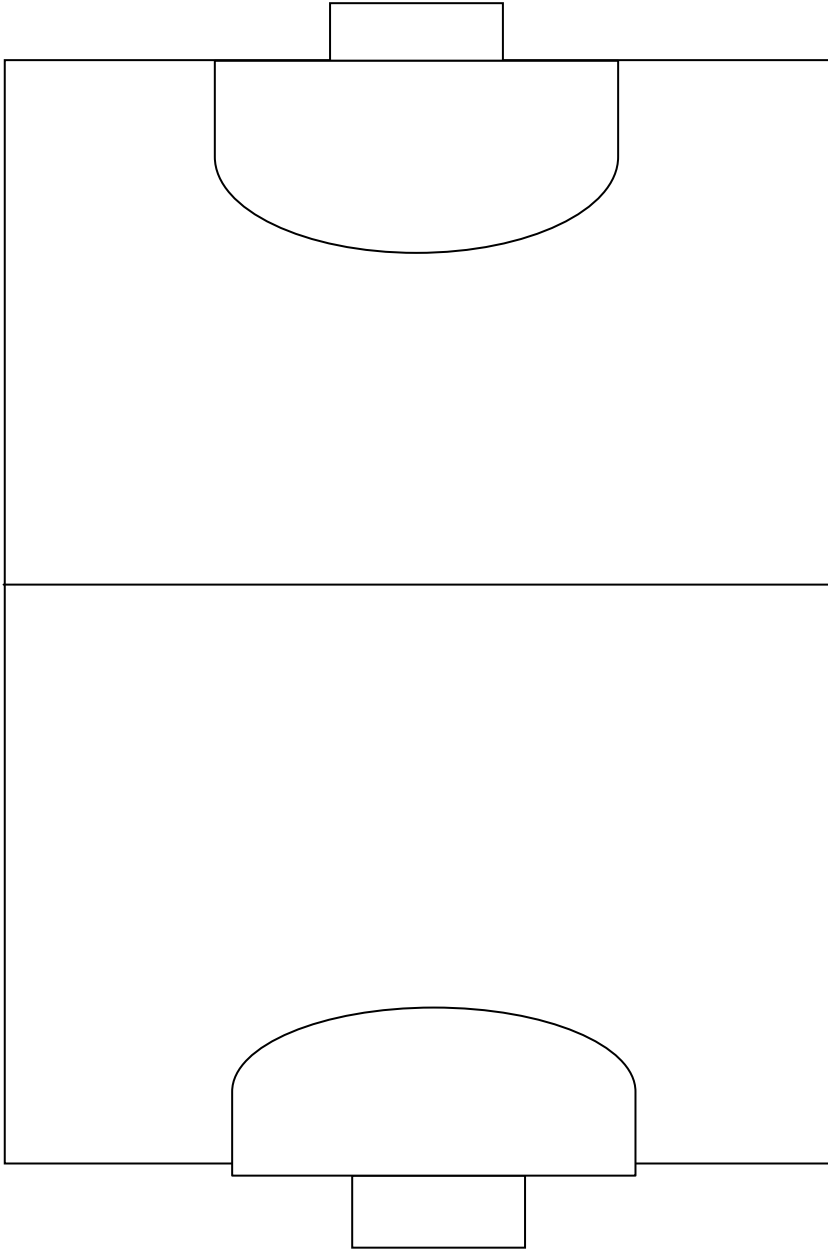
1. BWA Management together with the Sports Trainer on duty will determine prior to the commencement of any fixture if the need for a water break is required due to extreme heat.
2. This determination will be made based on current temperature, time of day and prevailing conditions.
3. The control area will inform teams of the use of a drink break, if decided.
4. The control area will announce a "Water Break" at approx 17 minutes. The stop watch (timer) is not stopped. The Umpires will then stop the game at the next suitable break or stoppage of play.
5. The game will be restarted based on the decision made by the umpires prior to the drinks break.
6. The drink break will be for 2 minutes only, and **must not** be used as a coaching or instruction period.
7. The control area will advise when two minutes is up.
8. Players will re-take the field immediately and recommence the game on the umpires whistle.

### **Turf and Grass Grand Final Fixtures**

1. BWA Technical Official on duty together with the Sports Trainer on duty will determine prior to the commencement of any fixture if the need for a water break is required due to extreme heat.
2. This determination will be made based on current temperature, time of day and prevailing conditions.
3. The Technical Bench will inform teams of the use of a drink break, if decided.
4. The Technical Bench will advise the umpire on the near side of the field at 17 minutes.
5. The umpire will blow time when a break in play (decision/penalty) is made. The stop watch (timer) is not stopped.
6. The game will be restarted based on the decision made prior to time out being called.
7. The drink break will be for 2 minutes only, and **must not** be used as a coaching or instruction period.
8. The Technical Bench will advise when two minutes is up.
9. Players will re-take the field immediately and recommence the game on the umpires whistle.

**WET WEATHER FIELD REPORT**

Day & Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Field: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendation** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## WET WEATHER RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Day & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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For BWA Grounds Committee

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For BWA Management