NATAL INLAND
BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

PROCEDURES AND PLAYER SAFETY



STOP when play is suspended. Seek safe shelter.
Resume only when the Club Tournament Official authorises it.

Who decides? The Club Tournament Official (CTO) suspends play where necessary. Only the Controlling Body, with the CTO, may abandon play or reduce rounds or ends. Refer concerns to the CTO or, if absent, the umpire on duty. Umpires do not independently call off play.

LIGHTNING

Within 15 km: suspend play immediately. Leave the green and exposed areas for safe shelter. Comply with club warning systems and instructions.

Ends and scoring: Leave immediately unless busy scoring. If an end is complete but still needs measuring, complete its scoring, then leave immediately. Replay incomplete ends.

Restart: Lightning must remain outside 15 km for at least **20 consecutive minutes**, and the CTO must authorise resumption. Any lightning within 15 km restarts the 20-minute wait.

Monitoring: Use the **Lightning Alarm App** to monitor lightning activity. Apply the BSA Conditions of Play for lightning procedures.

RAIN AND GREENS

The greenkeeper or designated proxy decides whether rain or green conditions require stopping or suspending play, and when the green is fit to resume.

A bowl throwing up a plume of water may indicate excessive surface water. Player discomfort alone is not grounds for suspension under the rain provisions.

EXCESSIVE WIND

Act if the wind moves the jack from its designated position or makes equipment, including nearby scoreboards, dangerous.

The CTO and relevant officials assess whether play can continue safely and fairly.

HEAT AND HUMIDITY

Extreme heat and high humidity risk heat-related illness. Clubs and Tournament Officials must monitor conditions carefully and prioritise player safety.

Required apps: Clubs and their Tournament Officials must download either the **Africa Weather app** or the **Heat Index Calculator app by VnMobileSolutions Inc.**, available from the Google Play Store.

Use the apps to monitor local temperature and humidity. Consult the **BSA Heat Index chart** to identify the risk category and apply the procedures alongside.

The CTO and tournament officials must watch for heat-related illness and act to protect players. Monitor the Heat Index throughout play and implement the prescribed breaks, suspensions and abandonment procedures whenever thresholds are reached.

ORANGE 33–40
Compulsory **10–15 minute water break** during each match, approximately halfway through play.

RED 41–53
Suspend play until the Heat Index drops below 40. On resumption, apply the Orange water-break requirements.

PURPLE 54 AND ABOVE
Play must be abandoned.

Extreme Danger: Suspend play. Resume only when conditions improve sufficiently and the CTO authorises resumption, or the Controlling Body decides to abandon play. The Purple category requires abandonment.

CLUBS Display this poster. Brief players, markers, umpires and officials. Plan weather monitoring and clear communication, and identify safe shelter before play.