



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCESS FOR CANCELLATION

All sport should proceed where possible, in all weather conditions, with the exception of hail, lightning and extreme heat. Weather conditions need to be continually assessed during the playing time. In rainy conditions the playing surface conditions must be considered safe by the responsible staff. Safety of players is paramount.

Wet Weather

Cancellations due to wet weather should be made by 7.00am on the morning of the event (adverse weather conditions - <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml>), otherwise cancellations should be made at the venue.

Lightning and Severe Hail

Where student safety is compromised with severe hail or electrical storms play will immediately stop. In the case of electrical storms play should only recommence if students' safety can be assured i.e. 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder. Should weather conditions fail to improve, the game shall be cancelled.

Thunderstorm (including asthma policy).

All people at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma should:

- learn about thunderstorm asthma and what they can do to help protect themselves during grass pollen season
- where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October through December – especially in the wind gusts that come before the storm.
- have an asthma action plan (if advised to by your GP) and have practical knowledge of the four steps of asthma first aid
- have reliever medication appropriately available in grass pollen season and be aware of how to use it (ideally with a spacer)
- be alert to and act on the development of asthma symptoms as explained in your asthma action plan if you have one, or if you don't, use asthma first aid.
- Check the epidemic thunderstorm asthma forecast during the grass pollen season at [VicEmergency](#)
- While CGSAV is the managing body of a CGSAV event, each school should still be responsible for their own students regarding the management of each student's asthma action plans.

(<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/thunderstorm-asthma>)

Extreme Heat

Cancellations due to extreme heat should be made at the venue if the weather forecast exceeds 34°C, *however if the forecast is greater than 34°C the day prior*, the event can be cancelled & all schools contacted (<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml>),

Sports Medicine Australia has written a policy on exercising in heat, with reference to The Heat Stress Index or WBGT (wet-bulb globe temperature). The WBGT takes into account temperature, humidity and air velocity and it is considered a reliable measure of the environmental heat stress. A safe temperature level will be set by the CGSAV using the SMA policy as reference material. A guideline temperature is **34°C** (<https://sma.org.au/resources-advice/policies-and-guidelines/hot-weather/>)

Match Results

If a match cannot continue for safety reasons, a minimum of half the match needs to have been completed for there to be a result.

Major Carnivals, Annual Events and Tournaments

The CGSAV Executive Officer will make cancellations for full day activities as early as possible. The decision to cancel will be rung through/emailed to each school – from here Parents/Carers will be contacted by each school.

If a cancellation has not been made prior to the start time, it is expected that all schools will arrive in plenty of time for the start of the carnival, event or tournament. CGSAV has the right to cancel or abandon aspects of the event at any time when inclement weather makes the activity unsafe.

Inclement weather

During the round robin phase:

If inclement weather occurs during the round robin phase of the tournament, a winner will be awarded if 80% of the games have been completed. If less than 80% of the games have been completed and there is no back up date, no winner(s) will be awarded for that year.

During finals:

If inclement weather occurs after all rounds have been played & before the finals have been played, then the results will be taken from the points & percentages from the rounds to establish the winner. Highest points & percentage will be the winner for the event.

If inclement weather occurs half way through the finals, then the team ahead at the time is declared the winner.