

WAFC POL.07: Weather Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

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POLICY BACKGROUND

Environmental factors regularly affect the playing of Australian Football. While environmental factors will not usually influence whether an Australian Football Match should commence or continue to be played, occasionally extremely adverse weather conditions may give rise to a need to assess whether players and/or officials are in environmental danger. This policy sets out the approach that the Football Body should adopt when assessing extreme weather conditions.

As an affiliated state body of the AFL, the West Australian Football Commission subscribes to the AFL Extreme Weather Policy which can be found at www.afl.com.au/policies.

RESULTS

If a game is abandoned due to weather conditions, the WAFC shall decide if the fixture is to be rescheduled or determine a result according to the progress score and point of the game at which the game was abandoned.

For all final round matches all decisions pertaining to the above rules will be controlled by the WAFC or their appointed officials as per the following guidelines:

- Games abandoned prior to half time; the Match Day Official will contact the Match Day Management Committee (Conference CDM & Team Leader) for guidance on how to proceed.
- Games abandoned after half time will have the team with the higher score deemed to be the winner.

RESPONSIBILITY

All clubs competing in a competition administered by a Football Body should monitor environmental factors. Umpires in consultation with the WAFC competition official are responsible for the ongoing assessment of suitability to play in line with the respective AFL policies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[AFL Extreme Weather Policy](#)

[AFL Heat Policy](#)

[AFL Lightning Policy](#)