

Where players and officials have travelled to a match, but weather is poor, a decision should be made whether the game can take place within 60 minutes of the scheduled start time.

In rain affected matches, a decision on whether a match can be restarted is made within 30 minutes of any interruption in play.

Umpires and captains avoid periods of more than 45 minutes where players/officials are waiting out in rain or in cars. If it is likely this time will be exceeded, the game should be abandoned.

A delay more than 60 minutes from the interruption in play will result in abandonment, even if some of that time the rain has stopped, and players/officials can exit vehicles and be dry.

In situations where rain is start/stop, that umpires and captains apply a common-sense approach that is broadly in line with the timings above and avoids long periods of players/officials waiting in rain or in cars.

In situations where clubs have provided outside shelter where social distancing can be maintained and: 1) where the umpires & captains agree & 2) the weather outlook is favourable, then a longer delay would be permitted to take place on a discretionary basis. If either of the criteria (1&2) isn't met, then the above becomes applicable.

At the sign of lightning, games should be abandoned instantly.

Please also ensure that captains of your eleven(s) who are likely to be involved in games where there are no appointed umpires are especially aware of these guidelines, as we would expect captains in these fixtures to follow them in these games too.