



EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Australian Oztag prioritises the safety and well-being of all participants involved in our events. Extreme weather conditions, such as heatwaves, thunderstorms, heavy rain, or strong winds, pose significant risks to the health and safety of players, coaches, officials, and spectators. This Extreme Weather Policy outlines the procedures and guidelines to be followed in the event of extreme weather conditions during Australian Oztag activities.

HEAT POLICY

- When heat advisory warnings are issued by relevant authorities, Australian Oztag officials will monitor weather conditions closely.
- Participants will be informed of the risks associated with high temperatures, encouraged to stay hydrated, and allowed additional breaks as necessary.
- In cases of extreme heat, modifications to game schedules, durations, or playing conditions may be implemented to minimise risks.
- Cooling stations, shaded areas, and access to water will be provided at venues to help participants manage heat-related stress.
- If the heat index reaches a predetermined threshold deemed unsafe for participation, Australian Oztag officials may suspend play until conditions improve.
- Participants will be directed to seek shelter and remain hydrated until play can safely resume.

WET WEATHER POLICY

- In the event of thunderstorms or lightning, all activities will be immediately suspended, and participants will be directed to seek shelter indoors or in vehicles.
- Play will only resume once at least 30 minutes have passed since the last observed lightning strike or thunderclap.
- If heavy rain or flooding occurs, play may be suspended or cancelled to ensure the safety of participants and prevent damage to playing surfaces.
- Australian Oztag officials will assess venue conditions and communicate any changes or cancellations to participants as soon as possible.



COMMUNICATION AND NOTIFICATION

- Participants will be informed of the Extreme Weather Policy prior to the commencement of any Australian Oztag activity.
- Weather updates, advisories, and instructions will be communicated via official Australian Oztag channels, including website announcements, and social media platforms.
- Officials, coaches, and venue staff will be responsible for communicating weather-related updates and instructions to participants on-site.
- Clear signage, announcements, and designated personnel will assist in directing participants to appropriate shelter or safety measures.

COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

- All participants are expected to adhere to the instructions and guidelines outlined in the Extreme Weather Policy and cooperate with officials and venue staff.
- Failure to comply with safety directives may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the event or future participation restrictions.
- Australian Oztag officials have the authority to make decisions regarding the implementation of the Extreme Weather Policy based on weather forecasts, advisories, and on-site conditions.
- The safety of participants will always be the primary consideration in determining whether to modify, suspend, or cancel activities due to extreme weather.

REVIEW AND UPDATES

- This Extreme Weather Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance in mitigating risks associated with extreme weather conditions.
- Any updates or revisions to the Extreme Weather Policy will be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner, along with explanations of changes and rationale.
- Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the latest version of the policy and comply with its provisions during Australian Oztag activities.

By adhering to the Extreme Weather Policy of Australian Oztag, we prioritise the safety and well-being of all participants and stakeholders involved in our events. Through proactive planning, clear communication, and decisive action, we aim to minimise risks and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, even in challenging weather conditions.