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ADVICE TO ALL CLUBS CAPTAINS AND UMPIRES

WET WEATHER GUIDELINES

Two factors shall be used in determining the fitness of grounds for play in wet conditions:

- (i) Bowlers run ups must be free of mud and surface water and be safe for bowlers to use. Moisture on grass from dew or light rain will not normally prevent play. It is permissible to use old mats etc to make runs ups safer.
- (ii) Within 30 metres of the wicket the fielding area shall be generally free of surface water (puddles). Isolated puddles in the outfield shall not constitute a reason to suspend play.

Both sides must assist in making the field ready for play (Rule 1(f)).

When the weather is fine, play shall not be abandoned for the day until at least one hour has elapsed from the scheduled starting time and a genuine effort to make the ground ready for play has been made by both sides and the wet areas given a chance to dry. This is particularly relevant for games without official umpires.

All teams and captains should remember that a game abandoned could mean vital points lost in the race to remain in finals contention or to escape relegation. It could also mean a lost opportunity for one of your players to qualify for Association averages.

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