

# Extreme Weather Policy



## Sport

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### PURPOSE

St John's Grammar School has adopted the guidelines laid down by the Independent Schools Association. The following guidelines assist schools, teachers, coaches, students and parents, to get the maximum educational and social benefit from sport.

### HOT WEATHER

The duty of care for our students' health and safety is of primary importance. Consequently, the following policy will apply to St John's Grammar sport.

All games cancellations are in conjunction with the given sporting association Extreme Weather Policies. The links below show the Extreme Weather Policies for each association and the sports St John's Grammar participate in.

SAAS – Sports Association for Adelaide Schools

Summer Sports: Badminton, Tennis (Drive), Touch Football, Volleyball and Cricket.

Winter Sports: Soccer, Hockey, Table Tennis and Boys Basketball.

[Click here to view the weather policy for SAAS.](#)

ZONE – School Sport SA

Summer Sports: Middle School Girls and Boys Tennis, Middle School Girls Basketball.

Winter Sports: Netball, Boys Football, Girls Soccer.

Weather policy TBA.

IGSSA – Independent Girls Schools Sports Association

Summer Sports: Open Girls Basketball, Open Girls Softball.

[Click here to view the weather policy for IGSSA.](#)

Cancellations of trainings will occur if the 9.00am Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecast is 38C or above. The Heads of Sport will decide if trainings are to be modified and/or reduced due to extreme weather. If trainings are cancelled due to weather, communication to parents will occur via the website, social media and Canvas.

## Learning to Soar

Coaches will be made aware of the need to follow the following guidelines for sport which goes ahead in hot conditions.

Hats and sunscreen should be worn at all times (for all summer sport irrespective of temperature).

Frequent hydration opportunities should be given and students are encouraged to utilise them.

Events should be modified where appropriate e.g. shortened overs in cricket or sets in tennis.

Fitness and age of participants should be considered.

## **WET WEATHER**

The decision to cancel practice or matches due to wet weather will be made by the Head of Sport, coaches or umpires. Should it be raining or the conditions dangerous, putting students' safety at risk, sport will be cancelled.

If playing conditions are deemed a safety hazard, play will be suspended or cancelled and conditions monitored. Communication with parents will occur if and when necessary if matches are cancelled or playing conditions postpone play. Parents are encouraged to pick up students if the weather is poor. All coaches/staff will remain with players until all students have been picked up.

