

Stage 3 Water Restrictions

Exempt Playing Surfaces

This document outlines options for exempt playing surfaces for Stage 3 water restrictions

Option 1

Comply with the hours and methods as outlined in the Drought Response Plan.

Option 2

If sporting clubs are unable to comply with the methods and hours as outlined in the Drought Response Plan, please see the guidelines below for Water Conservation Plans that can be lodged for sports playing surfaces.

In addition to the to the guidelines below, we encourage each sporting club to undertake additional water saving initiatives including the installation of water efficient shower heads, dual flush toilets and rainwater tanks. For more information on water saving products contact your water retailer.

The following guidelines for exempt playing surfaces for Stage 3 water restrictions are as follows:

Sports Grounds	Guidelines for Water Conservation Plans
<p>Tennis Courts (En-Tout-Cas) <i>In consultation with Tennis Victoria</i></p> <p>Note: These rules only apply to en-tout-cas courts. Hard courts are not to be included in the calculation for how many courts can be watered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One in two courts or part there of can be watered. For example, if there are a total of seven courts, four can be watered Hand-held hose watering is allowed before each set/session Watering is not allowed at the completion of play. The court is to be bagged <p>For all courts (to protect from long term damage):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On days when the courts are not in use or on extreme hot and/or windy days, courts can be watered using a hand-held hose for no more than half an hour. This can occur between the hours of midday-1pm and/or 7pm-8pm We recommended that Tennis Victoria investigate covering courts not in use with a porous cover (such as Hessian). This will help reduce loss of en-tout-cas in windy conditions and minimise moisture loss
<p>Bowling Or Croquet Green <i>In consultation with Royal Victorian Bowls Association</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic or manual watering systems (including sprinkler, spray and dripper) can be used to water on Sunday and Wednesday from 6am-8am Hand-held hose watering may be conducted only as required on Monday and Friday from 6am-8am
<p>Turf Wicket For Cricket Turf practice Wicket (where no synthetic practice pitch available) <i>In consultation with Cricket Victoria</i></p>	<p>Hand-held hose watering may be conducted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday from 6am-8am Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm-8pm Friday from 6pm-7pm
Other Exempt Playing Surfaces	
<p>Golf Tee or Green (not approaches) Hockey Pitch Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed on an individual basis Application required from facility owner/manager Referral to be directed to water retailers exemptions working group as necessary Irrigation may be conducted using a dripper system Sprays and sprinklers will be considered once a water conservation plan application is submitted

Enquiries for tennis, bowls, croquet greens may be directed to the relevant sports association.

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