



词汇: *sport* 体育运动

For sports **fans**, there's nothing better than watching a live **event** on TV or at a sports **venue**. But there's nothing worse than that event being called off because of bad weather. Bad light, a waterlogged **pitch** or excessive heat can cause **matches** to be postponed. But according to the latest research, extreme weather might be disrupting the **sporting calendar** more than ever in the future.

In one sport, **golf**, major **tournaments** like **The Open**, are already predicted to be victims of our changing climate. In the UK, an organisation called The Climate Coalition says that **golf courses** such as St Andrews could be under water by the end of the century if sea levels rise even slightly. It told the BBC that its research predicts "cancelled football matches, flooded **cricket grounds** and golf courses crumbling into the sea."

The threat to sporting **fixtures** from climate change has been further highlighted in a new report, commissioned by the Rapid Transition Alliance. Writing about this for the BBC, Matt McGrath says that "By 2050, it's estimated that almost one in four English **football league** grounds can expect flooding every year." This will mean fewer matches played, less opportunity to watch **the beautiful game** and reduced revenue from ticket sales.

Cricket also faces huge challenges globally as temperatures rise in places like India, Australia and the West Indies. The report says that **stadiums** in Adelaide and Perth will see a 60% increase in days with temperatures over 40C over the next decade.

Of course, we know that the solution lies with reducing our carbon footprint. We could travel less to attend sports events, and reduce our waste when we do go. But this latest report finds that sports leaders are generally failing to address the issue seriously. However, because sport is universally popular and can be very influential, maybe it should be **players**, teams and their **sponsors** who promote a carbon-neutral message to help protect sporting venues - before it's '**game over**'.

## 词汇表

<b>fan</b>	爱好者，...迷
<b>event</b>	比赛项目
<b>venue</b>	场地
<b>pitch</b>	足球场，运动场地
<b>match</b>	比赛
<b>sporting calendar</b>	体育赛事日历
<b>golf</b>	高尔夫球
<b>tournament</b>	锦标赛
<b>The Open</b>	英国高尔夫球公开赛
<b>golf course</b>	高尔夫球场
<b>cricket ground</b>	板球场
<b>fixture</b>	体育赛事，体育活动
<b>football league</b>	足球联赛
<b>the beautiful game</b>	足球
<b>stadium</b>	体育场
<b>player</b>	运动员
<b>sponsor</b>	赞助商
<b>game over</b>	不可逆转的，没有希望的（原指“比赛结束”）

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What exactly is the threat to golf tournaments as a result of climate change?
2. Why might revenue from football league ticket sales be reduced by 2050?
3. How might major cricket matches be affected by climate change?
4. True or false? *The latest research found sports leaders take the effects of climate change very seriously.*
5. According to The Climate Coalition, sea level rises by the end of the century would result in flooded golf courses. What level of rise would cause such a result?

### 2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. We have had to \_\_\_\_\_ the school summer fair due to the bad weather.

postponed	postponing	postpone	postponed
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2. This year's football \_\_\_\_\_ is set to be the best ever with some high-profile players taking part.

venue	tournament	kit	sponsor
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3. It's \_\_\_\_\_ for the pick pockets outside the museum, thanks to the installation of some new high-tech security cameras!

game on	game over	game up	gaming on
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4. As a beginner, you might find this golf \_\_\_\_\_ quite tricky, but practice makes perfect!

stadium	fixture	player	course
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5. Due to a \_\_\_\_\_ pitch, we have had to cancel this Saturday's match.

waterlogged	waterlogging	waterlog	waterloged
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答案

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1. What exactly is the threat to golf tournaments as a result of climate change?

**The Climate Coalition says that golf courses such as St Andrews, could be flooded by the end of the century.**

2. Why might revenue from football league ticket sales be reduced by 2050?

**Some football grounds are expected to be flooded by 2050 so fewer matches can be played and therefore reduced revenue from ticket sales.**

3. How might major cricket matches be affected by climate change?

**According to a report, cricket stadiums in Adelaide and Perth will get very hot – they will see a 60% increase in days with temperatures over 40C over the next decade.**

4. True or false? *The latest research found sports leaders take the effects of climate change very seriously.*

**False. This latest report study finds that sports leaders are generally failing to address the issue seriously.**

5. According to The Climate Coalition, sea level rises by the end of the century would result in flooded golf courses. What level of rise would cause such a result?

**The Climate Coalition says that golf courses could be flooded by the end of the century if sea levels rise even slightly.**

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. We have had to **postpone** the school summer fair due to the bad weather.

2. This year's football **tournament** is set to be the best ever with some high-profile players taking part.

3. It's **game over** for the pick pockets outside the museum, thanks to the installation of some new high-tech security cameras!

4. As a beginner, you might find this golf **course** quite tricky, but practice makes perfect!
5. Due to a **waterlogged** pitch, we have had to cancel this Saturday's match.