

## **SECOND DAY OF AMERICAS DIVISION 3 LOST TO RAIN**

### **SECOND ROUND MATCHES NOW TO BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER**

Matches on the second day of the ICC Americas Division 3 tournament in Santiago, Chile, were eventually abandoned around 3.00pm due to persistent showers of rain throughout the day. Both scheduled matches in fact got under way on time, but hopes of cricket were slowly but surely washed away during a frustrating day when breaks in the rain were not lengthy enough to ever get games underway again.

The much anticipated clash between the two first day winners – Chile and Brazil – managed only 9,2 overs, during which time Chile had made 31 without loss in a confident start. The game between Peru and Belize only survived 5 overs, at which point Belize were 13 for 1. Both matches will now start afresh tomorrow on the scheduled reserve day.

Apart from all the players and officials, perhaps the most disappointed of all on the weather affected day were two busloads of young Chilean children, arranged on the initiative of the Chilean Cricket Association, all learning the game and eager to see international cricket for the very first time. One group even made the roughly two hour drive from Vina del Mar, but ultimately all in vain. It was, however, good to see players from all teams joining in during brief breaks in the rain to do some coaching, and play some cricket with the enthusiastic kids.

Hopefully the weather will allow for two full days of cricket as all four teams remain in the hunt to win Division 3, and thus gain promotion to Division 2 next year.