



## **HOT WEATHER POLICY**

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SA Country and affiliated Associations have an obligation to all players, officials, coaches, managers and spectators to provide a safe and enjoyable environment. In the event of hot weather, SA Country will adhere to the following policy and recommend that all Affiliated Associations who conduct their own tournament do the same.

No-one should ever feel as though they must play if they believe it is unsafe or they are feeling distressed.

### **Further information**

#### **1. Hot Weather Guidelines:**

- On days when actual temperature for Kapunda is 38 degrees or higher at 3pm on the day of the scheduled game, juniors and U16s are not permitted to play nor are they allowed to fill in any senior games, irrespective of whether the game is being played in an air-conditioned stadium. Freeling Basketball Club are of the opinion if a player is registered as a senior, they are considered to be a senior. If a player is registered as a junior, the player is to be treated as a junior.

#### **2. Finals:**

- If the hot weather policy comes into effect, the finals will be rescheduled to The FARM, if room permits. If room does not permit, the games will go ahead at the original scheduled venue.

#### **3. Responsibilities:**

- Irrespective of the predicted maximum temperature, stadium managers, coaches, team managers and referees should feel free to adopt the following as appropriate, in cases of hot weather:
  - Take steps to maximise airflow and reduce heat build-up in stadium,
  - Make an assessment of playing conditions and advise referees and coaches,
  - Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are considered unsafe.
- Coaches and managers should:
  - Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which may be affected by heat,
  - Ensure that players take adequate fluid during the game,
  - Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
  - Make substitutions as appropriate,
  - Utilise available time-outs.
- Referees should, at the direction of the organising body:
  - Call additional time-outs
  - Extend the breaks between quarters

#### **4. Training Sessions - Freeing Outdoor Courts:**

- On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published at 6pm (the day before), on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) for Roseworthy, is 36 degrees or higher, all training will be cancelled, except those at air-conditioned stadiums.
  
- On days when the actual temperature as published on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) for Roseworthy is 34 degrees or higher, regular breaks and monitoring of athletes will occur.
  - All coaches and team managers are to ensure that adequate water is available for players
  - Adjustments can be made during the day depending on changes to weather conditions

**Freeing Basketball Club coaches will immediately notify players of the cancellation.**

#### **5. Training Sessions – F.A.R.M:**

- Under Review

#### **6. LABA Junior Heat Policy:**

- There will be NO U16 and below matches played on days of extreme heat.
  
- LABA Secretary will check the forecast temperatures for each match at 6pm the night before. This will be done on the Elders Weather web site for forecasts for Eudunda. [www.eldersweather.com.au](http://www.eldersweather.com.au)
  
- If the forecast temperature for Eudunda is 37 degrees or above Under 16 and below matches for that day will be cancelled. If 35 degrees or over, and umpires can use their discretion to use an extra time out or extra 60 seconds at half time
  
- LABA Secretary will contact all Club Secretaries and advise of the cancellation.