

Hi Leanne

The following is a rule change proposal for the upcoming season to the Heat Policy for the Senior Competition

## **SENIORS HEAT POLICY**

### TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD

Where a temperature threshold is stated, the following measurement shall apply.

The “Feels like” or effective temperature (taking into account wind and humidity) from the nearest weather station in degrees from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Weather App shall be used. The “feels like” temperature may vary from the absolute temperature depending on the level of humidity and wind.

OR

The “Actual” temperature from the nearest weather station in degrees from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Weather App

### SMARTPHONE APP

BOM shall be the official App for sourcing temperature data. The “feels like” temperature shall be the official temperature measurement. Smartphone location settings must be enabled.

### CESSATION OF PLAY

- Level 1 – The umpires, coaches or captains shall schedule additional drinks intervals in the event that the “feels like” temperature exceeds 37 degrees Celsius. Players and umpires may leave the field of play during this interval.
- Level 2 – Play shall cease immediately in the event that the BOM “feels like” temperature or “actual” temperature, at the location, reaches or exceeds 40 degrees Celsius.
- **Resumption of play – Play shall resume if the “feels like” temperature drops below 40 degrees or less.**
- **Abandoned of play – Play shall be abandoned if after one hour, players leaving the field due to excessive heat, the temperature has not fallen below 40 degrees. (The result will be a draw if no result has been achieved)**

LOSS OF PLAYING TIME (DUE TO EXTREME HEAT) is to be treated as adverse weather conditions as if the game was stopped for a rain delay.

### ADVANCE CANCELLATION OF AN ENTIRE DAY’S PLAY

The association may determine to cancel a day’s play in the event that the forecast temperature, at 4:00pm on the day before scheduled play, is 45 degrees or more.

INCREASED DRINKS BREAKS AND EXTENDED INTERVALS Forecast temperature exceeding 37 degrees

Prior to the start of play on any match day, the umpires if assigned, coaches and captains shall conduct a heat safety briefing –

- (a) to determine increasing the number and duration of drinks intervals, and; (b) to determine whether to extend the duration of interval between innings

**The following dot points are to be changed to read as follows:**

**Resumption of Play – Play shall only resume if both the actual and feels like temperature drop to or below 38.5 degrees or less.**

**Abandonment of play – Play shall be abandoned if after one hour of players leaving the field due to excessive heat, the temperature has not fallen below 38.5 degrees. (The result will be a draw if no result has been achieved)**

Regards

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