River Murray Football League By-Laws

Appendix 5 – Weather Policy

The River Murray Football League operates under the SACFL and the SANFL and has adopted the SANFL HEAT POLICY as set out below. The RMFL will review this in line with its annual document reviews but users are encouraged to refer to Appendix 10.26 SANFL Rules and Regulations.

Hot weather requirements include: Training sessions and matches, including pre-season trial matches, shall be cancelled if the temperature on the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au is 34°C or greater one hour before training is proposed to occur or the match is proposed to be played.

Coaches and team managers shall provide additional drinks breaks during training sessions, trial matches and minor round matches and actively encourage junior players to remain hydrated when the temperature is forecast above 25°C. The coach and/or team managers should modify or terminate the training activity if they consider the conditions unsafe for the players.

If in their opinion of the field umpire(s) the temperature and humidity conditions have become unsafe for the players they shall advise both team managers that they consider the conditions unsuitable for play and shall terminate the match.

Inclement weather requirements include:

The field umpire(s) shall stop the match and order the players from the field if inclement weather conditions which they consider poses a safety risk to players and officials develop during the match.

The match shall restart when the field umpire(s) deem conditions to be safe to do so. The match shall be shortened to comply with rule Game times 2.11 (refer to Abandonment of matches 10.6 (2) AFL rule book).