



HOT WEATHER POLICY

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1. Hot Weather Guidelines

Basketball SA has adopted the following guidelines regarding the playing of basketball in hot weather conditions.

Irrespective of the predicted maximum temperature, stadium managers, coaches, team managers and referees should adopt the following (as appropriate), in cases of hot weather:

Stadium Managers should:

- Take steps to maximise airflow and reduce heat build-up in stadiums
- Assess playing conditions and advise referees and coaches
- **Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are considered unsafe**

Coaches should:

- Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which may be affected by heat
- Ensure that players take adequate fluid before, during and after the game
- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players
- Make substitutions as appropriate
- Utilise available time-outs

Team Managers should:

- Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which may be affected by heat
- Ensure that players take adequate fluid before, during and after the game
- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players

Referees should:

- Call additional time-outs
- Extend the breaks between quarters

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

2. Abbreviations and Definitions

Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au): the BoM

Airconditioned Stadiums: For the purpose of this policy, airconditioned stadiums will include Adelaide Arena, Starplex, The ARC and The Lights.

Ventilated Stadiums: For the purpose of this policy, ventilated stadiums will refer to Mount Barker (St Francis) and St Clair.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to alert administrators, players, coaches, officials and parents/care givers when a game will be cancelled due to extreme heat.

4. District Basketball Competition – Hot Weather Policy

The District Basketball Competition Hot Weather Policy solely relates to district competitions managed by Basketball SA.

Basketball SA reserves the right to cancel games due to situations of extreme heat, decisions are at the discretion of Basketball SA. Some games may not be cancelled if being held in air-conditioned or appropriately ventilated stadiums. Temperature readings within stadiums, competition structure and opportunity for make-up games will be used to guide this decision.

For the purpose of this policy, extreme heat may be considered under the following conditions:

1. Games will be automatically cancelled if the predicted maximum temperature as published by the BoM at 12noon is **38 degrees or higher** and no cool change is expected
2. On days where the forecast temperature by the BoM is 38 degrees or higher and a cool change is expected, the 'weather predictor' on the BoM website can be used. If the predicted temperature for 5pm is under 30 degrees, games may proceed.
3. Where the temperature for the preceding 3 days has been 38 degrees or higher and the predicted temperature for game day is 35 degrees or above, games may be cancelled. In this case Basketball SA will consider, expected temperature at game time, location of games, and age group of players affected before deciding whether to cancel or proceed.

In cases of extreme heat, all decisions will be published by 12 noon game day on the Basketball SA website and Facebook page.

When the predicted maximum temperature as published by the BoM is **35 degrees or higher**, timing rules for all games will be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each period, if one has not already been called
2. The quarter, half and three quarter time breaks to be extended by a minute

5. Social Competition – Hot Weather Policy

The Social Competition Hot Weather Policy solely relates to Basketball SA managed social basketball competitions that are scheduled from 6:00pm to 10:30pm.

On days when the actual temperature for Adelaide is **38 degrees or higher** as at 3:00pm on the BoM, games shall be cancelled. It is the responsibility of Team Captains/Team Contacts and Team Members/Players to check the BoM website to see if games are to be cancelled. If there is any doubt, then it is highly recommended that the Team Captain/Contact and Players contact the local Stadium/Competition Manager and check to see if games have been cancelled. The responsibility to check game cancellations lies with the teams and players. Stadium Managers may post the decision to cancel games on the stadium Facebook page.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as by the BoM is **35 degrees or higher**, timing rules for games may be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each period, if one has not already been called
2. The quarter, half and three quarter time breaks to be extended by a minute

6. Miniball and Junior Domestic Competitions – Hot Weather Policy

The Miniball and Junior Domestic Competitions Hot Weather Policy solely relates to Miniball and Junior Domestic competitions managed by Basketball SA. The policy has been based on these competitions being played anywhere between 8:00am to 6:00pm.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published at 8:00am by the BoM is **38 degrees or higher**, all Miniball and Junior Domestic games will be cancelled or postponed, except those at air-conditioned stadiums.

On days when the predicted maximum temperature as published by the BoM is **35 degrees or higher**, timing rules for all games will be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each period, if one has not already been called
2. The quarter, half and three quarter time breaks to be extended by a minute

7. State Teams – Hot Weather Policy

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published by the BoM is **38 degrees or higher**, all state team trials and/or games will be cancelled or postponed, unless scheduled at air-conditioned stadiums.

All State Team Coaches and Managers are to ensure that they provide a safe training environment for the players and any officials (for trial games) by adhering to the Hot Weather Guideline (above).

Information will be posted by the High Performance Manager on Basketball SA's website and Facebook page.