

# Altona Sports Centre & ABBA Heat Policy



When the court temperature reaches 30°C competition organisers must consider implementing the Heat Policy and Timing rules, where the court temperature reaches 35°C , the Heat Policy **must be invoked**.

Based on a 50 minute schedule played in halves, the game time must be reduced to 2 halves of 18 minutes each with 2 timeouts per half. The clock must stop for each timeout and the referee must call a compulsory timeout close to the 9 minute mark in each half.

The clock does not stop in the first half and only in the last 3 minutes of the second half for (Time out, Subs & Free throws).

## **Climate Policy**

All persons involved in the organization of games must be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on person playing or attending basketball and put in place adequate contingencies for the minimizing of risk to persons, particularly when high temperatures are expected.

Where high temperatures are expected game organizers and clubs must ensure:

- Full knowledge of location of first aid room & equipment.
- Coaches, Referees and other officials are aware of the symptoms of heat stress and are instructed to be on the alert to notice any such symptoms;
- Referees are instructed to initiate regular extra time-outs during the game and to shorten the game if necessary;
- Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before and after the game and that facilities are available for them to do so ie: Filling water bottles;
- Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water, fans, A/C Foyer or other methods;
- Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs are available for use where appropriate;

ASC courts are fitted with a thermometer.

**Again:** When the court temperature reaches 30°C competition organizers must consider implementing the Heat Policy and where the court temperature reaches 35°C , the Heat Policy **must be invoked**

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### **Canceling games Policy**

In conjunction with ASC & ABBA, when the court temperature reaches 40°C in the Stadium & competition organizers will consider canceling all games from that point.

### **Contacting Clubs & Teams**

Contact to teams, officials, referees and staff and visa versa, will be done by Mobile phone, TXT messages and **Internet notice on sportingpulse:**