



CRICKET NSW
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ASSOCIATION

EXTREME HEAT POLICY

PREAMBLE

In the 2016/17 season, for the first time in the history of the Sydney Cricket Association, an entire day's play was cancelled due to forecast excessive heat. This decision was made on the advice of medical professionals.

This policy aims to make similar decisions in the future more objective and automatic for the benefit of players, umpires and administrators.

It is recognised that SCA matches are not resourced with medical and emergency support to the extent of First Class matches and therefore it may be unsafe to continue play during conditions of extreme heat.

APPLICATION

This Policy shall apply to all NSW Premier Cricket, Shires and Women's Premier Cricket matches.

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 Weatherzone App shall be used. The "feels like" temperature may vary from the absolute temperature depending on the level of humidity.

SMARTPHONE APP

Weatherzone 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 shall schedule additional drinks intervals in the event that the "feels like" temperature exceeds 37 degrees Celsius. The drinks interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration. Players and umpires may leave the field of play during this interval.
- **Level 2** – Play shall cease immediately in the event that the Weatherzone "feels like" temperature, at the location, exceeds 43 degrees Celsius.
- **Resumption of play** – Play shall resume if the "feels like" temperature drops to 43 degrees or less.

LOSS OF PLAYING TIME (DUE TO EXTREME HEAT)

Where there is any interruption(s) to play due to extreme heat:

- (a) The minimum quota of overs to be bowled that day is unaffected.
- (b) The finishing time is adjusted by the period of scheduled playing time lost.
- (c) Play will continue on each match day until the minimum quota of overs has been completed or until light no longer permits.
- (d) Playing Condition 1.12.3 (b) does not apply.



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ADVANCE CANCELLATION OF AN ENTIRE DAY'S PLAY

The SCA 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.

AMENDMENT TO PLAYING TIME

By monitoring 7-day temperature forecasts and seeking to maximise opportunities for play during times of extreme heat, the SCA may determine to instruct teams to commence play at a cooler time of day, for example 8.30am.

The SCA will seek to provide clubs with ample advance notice that an amendment to playing time may be imminent.

All participants in every match are to strive to maximise opportunities to play.

INCREASED DRINKS BREAKS, EXTENDED INTERVALS AND CESSATION OF PLAY

Forecast temperature exceeding 37 degrees

Prior to the start of play on any match day, the umpires 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 lunch and/or afternoon tea intervals.