



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, which relates to players and officials.

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 stadia,
- Make an assessment of 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 during the game,
- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
- Make substitutions as appropriate,
- Utilise available time-outs.

Referees should:

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

Team managers should:

- 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,
- Ascertain whether players have medical conditions which may be affected by weather conditions

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

2. District Basketball Competition – Hot Weather Policy

This Hot Weather Policy solely relates to district competitions managed by Basketball SA and has been developed to alert administrators, players, coaches, officials and parents/care givers when a game will definitely be cancelled due to extreme heat.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day is **38 degrees or higher**, all district games will be cancelled or postponed, except those at air-conditioned stadiums (currently the Adelaide Arena, Starplex, and the ARC meet this criteria).

On days when the predicted maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day 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

3. Local Social Competition – Hot Weather Policy

This Hot Weather Policy solely relates to Basketball SA managed social basketball competitions. This policy relates to 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 Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) games shall be cancelled. It is the responsibility of Team Captains/Team Contacts and Team Members/Players to check the 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.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day 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

4. Miniball and Junior Domestic Competitions – Hot Weather Policy

This Hot Weather Policy solely relates to Miniball and Junior Domestic competitions managed by Basketball SA and has been developed to alert administrators, players, coaches, officials and parents/care givers when a game will definitely be cancelled due to extreme heat. 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 in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day 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 in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day 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. State Teams – Hot Weather Policy

On days when the forecast maximum temperature as published in the Advertiser/Sunday Mail that day is **38 degrees or higher**, all state team trials and/or games will be cancelled or postponed, except those at air-conditioned stadiums (currently the Adelaide Arena and Starplex meet this criteria).

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).