



MEMORANDUM

To: VSBL Clubs
From: Competitions Coordinator
Date: 12/17/2015
Re: Heat Policy (By-Law 24)

Extreme Weather

If there is an adverse weather forecast (lightning, wet weather or extreme heat) for the scheduled playing day:

- i) **In advance**, Competition Manager may consider a full or partial cancellation (i.e. Competition Manager may choose to cancel some or all divisions) in advance and where applicable will seek necessary guidance from the Victorian Director of Umpiring, Bureau of Meteorology and/or selected medical and legal practitioners. Should this occur, all clubs will be notified via email or text message to Club Secretaries and the competition website.
- ii) **On Game Day**, if Competition Manager has not made a decision in advance or advised for players to attend for play, decisions regarding play shall be in the hands of the home Club Secretary (or his/her nominee - as per Rule of Baseball 3.10(a)).
- iii) **During a Game**, once the game has commenced, decisions will then be made by the umpires.

Heat Affected Games

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the home Club Secretary (or his/her nominee) to monitor on a half-hourly basis, current temperatures **via the Bureau of Meteorology website or telephone 1196** weather information line. Should the current temperature reach **38° Celsius for seniors, Women and Masters Competitions (34° Celsius for junior competitions)**, play shall be suspended immediately. The

temperature shall be monitored during this time every 15 minutes. Play shall not resume until the temperature falls below 38° Celsius (or 34° Celsius for junior competitions).

i) Junior players participating in any senior competition shall be subject to the conditions of that competition.

b) **By telephoning 1196**, the following areas are stated. Games played at the home of a listed club are to adhere to the temperature in the nominated area:

- Melbourne CBD (Fitzroy, Footscray, Malvern, Melbourne, Newport, Ormond/Glenhuntly, Port Melbourne, St Kilda & Williamstown)
- Laverton (Altona, Sunshine & Werribee)
- Scoresby (Blackburn, Dandenong, Heathmont, Knox, Monash University, Mulgrave & Waverley)
- Viewbank (Bundoora, Doncaster, Greensborough, La Trobe University & Preston)
- Moorabbin (Cheltenham, Moorabbin, Sandringham, Springvale & Dingley)
- Melbourne Airport/Tullamarine (Essendon, Sunbury)
- Geelong (Geelong)
- Avalon (Nil)
- Ferny Creek (Berwick & Upwey FTG)
- Frankston (Frankston, Carrum Downs, Bonbeach & Chelsea)
- Coldstream (Croydon & Ringwood)

c) **By viewing the Bureau of Meteorology website**

(<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml>), the following areas are stated. Games played at the home of a listed club are to adhere to temperature the nominated area:

- Melbourne (Fitzroy, Footscray, Malvern, Melbourne, Newport, Ormond/Glenhuntly, Port Melbourne, St Kilda & Williamstown)
- Geelong (Geelong)
- Yarra Glen (Croydon & Ringwood)
- Frankston (Frankston, Carrum Downs, Bonbeach, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Moorabbin, Sandringham, Springvale & Dingley)
- Tullamarine (Essendon, Sunbury)
- Ferny Creek (Berwick & Upwey FTG)
- Laverton (Altona, Sunshine & Werribee)
- Scoresby (Blackburn, Dandenong, Heathmont, Knox, Monash University, Mulgrave & Waverley)
- Watsonia (Bundoora, Doncaster, Greensborough, La Trobe University &

Preston)

- a) For Regional areas, a check of weather conditions should be conducted via the Bureau of Meteorology website through the "Latest Weather Observations for Victoria" page (<http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/observations/vicall.shtml>)
- b) Notwithstanding the above, the umpire/s shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion.
- c) No person is forced by Baseball Victoria to participate in any match and Clubs shall place no pressure on any participant if he/she considers withdrawing from any part of a match for health reason.