

BOX HILL REPORTER DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOC.

BHRDCA EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY

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Attachment 3A – EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY

Reference Service – The BHRDCA CoM shall identify and advise a specific reference service at the commencement of the season i.e. Melbourne Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Website <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> from which the forecast temperature (**at 8.00 a.m. on Match Day**) is considered as a basis for the implementation of this policy.

The BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the BHRDCA CoM when the temperature in Melbourne is forecast by the BoM <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> for **Senior Shield Grades to reach 40°C (or over) during the normal hours of play (between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.)**

In Senior non Shield Grades, the BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the BHRDCA CoM when the temperature in Melbourne is forecast by the BoM <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/melbourne.shtml> to reach 37°C (or over) during the normal hours of play (between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.)

The policy applies to **Junior Section Grades** when the temperature for **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM to reach **38°C** during the normal hours of play i.e. **Junior Section Grades** participating in Twilight matches between 5.00 and 8.15 p.m. and for Daylight matches between 8.30 and 11.45 a.m.

The policy applies to **Veteran Section Grades** when the temperature for **Melbourne** is forecast by the BoM to reach **38°C** during the normal hours of play i.e. **Veteran Section Grades** participating in Daylight matches between 1.00 and 6.00 p.m.

The decision to cancel any play shall be made at or before **7.00 a.m.** for Saturday/Sunday morning matches, **10.00 a.m.** on the morning of Saturday/Sunday afternoon matches and **2.00 p.m.** for Twilight matches.

Should the policy be implemented, notification shall be via the BHRDCA communication channels e.g. posted on the BHRDCA Website and via announcements on the BHRDCA Social Media network.

Drinks – Umpires, Captains (where Umpires are not present) for Senior and Veterans Grades; Team Managers and Coaches for Junior Grades may allow additional drink breaks without concern as to the extra time beyond the scheduled playing time. Any participant may call for additional drink breaks whilst batting, fielding or umpiring, although every effort should be taken to minimise when this occurs.

Bowlers may have drinks placed on the boundary line, which can be consumed at the completion of an over without disrupting play. It is recommended that when the Temperature exceeds 34°C that a minimum of two drinks breaks per session are taken.

Tea Break – Umpires, Captains (where Umpires are not present), Team Managers and Coaches in Junior Grades may schedule a longer break and play additional make up time after the scheduled time for stumps. This is entirely at the Umpires', Captains' and or Team Managers/Coaches discretion, but a consensus decision must be reached.

Player Rotation – After notifying their Captain and an Umpire (if present), a player may remove themselves from the field at any time for reasons of heat stress. If a team has more than the named eleven players, they may, after notifying the Umpire, rotate fieldsman to rest players in extreme conditions. Umpires and Captains in afternoon matches are to pay particular attention to juniors who have played cricket earlier in the day, for signs of heat stress.

Heat Stress - Any player observed to be suffering from heat stress is to be sent from the field by the Umpire, Captain or Team official immediately.

Shade – Clubs should provide shaded areas where the batting team, spectators and scorers may shelter.

Sun Protection – Players are reminded of the need for frequent applications of sunscreen and the use of long sleeved shirts to reduce exposure to the sun. Hats are an essential item and wide brimmed style is recommended, particularly on sunny days.

Lightning – Where an Umpire or Captain (where Umpires are not present) or a Team Official believes that lightning poses a threat to the safety of participants, play shall be suspended, and safe shelter taken. Any time lost for lightning shall be treated in the same manner as for extreme conditions.

Umpires – Where an Umpire feels that their health or judgment may suffer because of extreme conditions, they may take a break from their duties, after arranging an appropriate substitute.

First Aid – Club First Aid Kits must include aids for the treatment of heat affected participants. Every endeavour should be made to have a club member, who is properly skilled in the treatment of heat affected people, at home games. A notice should be prominently included in or displayed near the first aid kit, explaining treatment of heat affected patients.

Early Finish – If the extreme conditions exist in Senior or Veterans matches, both Captains, by agreement may call the game off early after there has been a first innings result, however, both Captains must agree to such an early finish.