



EXTREME HEAT POLICY

This policy is a concise version of the Country Cricket NSW Extreme Heat Policy with recommendations from NSWCUA

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 not all cricket matches in the Greater Illawarra Zone are 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. This policy is to ensure the health safety and wellbeing of all that participate in cricket.

SMARTPHONE APP

The **Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)** shall be the official App for sourcing temperature data. Smartphone location settings must be enabled. If the match is played on the coast, the nearest coastal station should be used as your location. If the match is played inland, your nearest inland station location should be used.

TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD

The “feels like” temperature shall be the official temperature measurement. Where a temperature threshold is stated, the following measurement shall apply. The “**Feels like**” or effective temperature (considering wind and humidity) from the nearest weather station in degrees from the **BOM** App shall be used. The “feels like” temperature may vary from the absolute temperature depending on the level of humidity and wind.

INCREASED DRINKS BREAKS, EXTENDED INTERVALS AND CESSATION OF PLAY

All participants in every match are to strive to maximise opportunities to 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:

- To determine increasing the number and duration of drinks intervals, and;
- To determine whether to extend the duration of interval between innings.

CESSATION OF PLAY - Juniors (Under 12 – Under 18)

- Level 1 – The umpires shall schedule additional drinks intervals in the event that the “**feels like**” temperature exceeds 34 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 be suspended immediately in the event that the BOM “**feels like**” temperature, at the location, exceeds 37 degrees Celsius.
- Resumption of play – Play shall resume if the “**feels like**” temperature drops to 37 degrees Celsius.





CESSATION OF PLAY – Seniors

- 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 be suspended immediately in the event that the BOM “feels like” temperature, at the location, exceeds 40 degrees Celsius.
- Resumption of play – Play shall resume if the “feels like” temperature drops below 37 degrees Celsius

LOSS OF PLAYING TIME (DUE TO EXTREME HEAT)

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

- The minimum quota of overs to be bowled on that day is to be reduced according to the amount of playing time lost. Note – playing time remains unaffected due to extra drinks breaks being taken or scheduled.

The match is still to conclude at the scheduled or rescheduled finishing time.

ADVANCE CANCELLATION OF AN ENTIRE DAY’S PLAY

The Greater Illawarra Zone 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 44 degrees Celsius or more.

UMPIRES CALL

From time to time the BOM temperature may not reflect ground conditions in the centre, If the umpires together agree that the heat is extreme and unfit for play, then they have the right to suspend play.

In doing so, they may take into account any apparent signs of heat stress being displayed by any of the participants.

