

Extreme Heat Policy

1. Purpose

Volleyball Victoria Extreme Heat Policy has been introduced to reduce the risk of related injury to players, coaches, & officials involved in Volleyball Victoria (VV) events or activities.

2. Cancellation Conditions

- Volleyball Victoria does reserve the right to postpone or cancel any event prior to the start date/time where extreme weather conditions pose a danger to participants.
- The factors considered will include extreme temperatures, wind, rain, thunderstorms and lightning.
- Volleyball Victoria recognises the Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au) as the official source for all updates and assessment on forecast weather conditions.
- Delegates or players will receive an email notification and details will be posted on www.volleyballvictoria.org.au and social media advising of the organiser's decision.
- Failure to show up due to weather conditions will be considered a no show for an event and will incur penalties.

3. Temperature Readings

On any given day when the temperature is forecast above **35°C** it is to be monitored at hourly intervals by the following measures:

Indoor Volleyball – On-court temperature is to be measured by in-stadium thermometers. Most stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer; if not refer to the bureau of meteorology (www.bom.gov.au)

At State Volleyball Centre, (SVC) Dandenong.

Thermometers are located as follows:

- Court 1 North Wall servicing Courts 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Area 1)
- Court 5/6 North Wall servicing Courts 5, 6 & 7 (Area 2)
- Court 9 West Wall servicing Courts 8, 9 & 10 (Area 3)
- Indoor Beach Courts East Wall - Office Wall (Area 3)

Outdoor Beach Volleyball – The bureau of meteorology (www.bom.gov.au) is recognised as the official source for all updates and assessment on forecast weather conditions.

4. Heat Policy

All temperatures will be measured by the temperature readings as detailed above.

If the temperature is above **30°C** before the match begins. The competition manager **may** at their discretion;

- modify the match set format from 5 sets to 3 sets
- allow an additional x2 time-outs (1min) per team per set

After play commences and the temperature reaches **35°C** the following reduced scoring modifications **must** be implemented.

Indoor Volleyball

Stage	Temp	Modification
Stage 1	35°	5 set matches: Reduced to best of 3 sets 3 set matches: Reduce score to 20, 20, 10 - Enforce x2 technical time-outs per set
Stage 2	37°	Reduced scoring modifications – at the discretion of the tournament manager
Stage 3	39°	Tournament postponed for 30 minutes and then assessed

Beach Volleyball

Stage	Temp	Modification
Stage 1	35°	Reduced Scoring to 15, 15, 12
Stage 2	37°	Reduced scoring to 12, 12, 7
Stage 3	39°	Tournament postponed for 30 minutes and then assessed

5. Postpone Review

If at the end of 30 minutes, play is still not possible, the competition manager will review the situation and inform delegates/players whether a further break is required (not longer than 2 hours) or if the matches will be abandoned.

6. Abandoned Matches

Matches **must** be abandoned when temperature exceeds **39°** for longer than 2 hours

- If a game is abandoned before it commences it will be counted as a draw
- If a game is abandoned before the end of the 1st set it will be counted as a draw

- If a game is abandoned in the 2nd or 3rd sets, the game score stands as a final result

How to contact us

If you have any questions in relation to this policy, please contact us on **9794 0009** between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can write to memberships@volleyballvictoria.org.au

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