



South Australian Amateur Football League

S.A. AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SAAFL HEAT POLICY

When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 38 degrees or over, as specified on the radio news at 8.00am on the morning of the match, the match shall be cancelled or rescheduled

A rescheduled match is to be determined by the two competing teams. The League is to be advised in writing by both clubs of the date, time and venue for the rescheduled match.

When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 32 – 37 degrees as specified on the radio news at 8.00am on the morning of the match, the Heat Policy shall apply. It is the Club's responsibility to be aware of the policy and advise umpires on the day of the matches that the Heat Policy applies.

The Heat Policy also applies for trial and internal scratch matches.

The home SAAFL Club will be responsible to initiate the following process:

- *The reserves or curtain raiser match to be moved forward 10 minutes (normal start time would then be 12.05pm).*
- *Grade match or second match starts at normal time (2.15pm).*
- *Timekeepers are instructed to blow siren at 15 minute mark of each quarter to allow a 2 minute break for players to take fluids and cool down.*
- *A warning siren is blown after 1 minute 30 seconds and a further siren after 1 minute 45 seconds and play recommences exactly 2 minutes after the break commenced.*
- *Play will recommence as it was when ceased by throwing up the ball in the same vicinity where it ceased at the onset of the break.*
- *During the 2 minute break coaches are not allowed to address players although the runner may be used.*
- *Players to be encouraged to use sunscreen on these days and keep fluid intake at a high level.*

Please note that if the Heat Policy was invoked and a subsequent cool change arrives the two competing Club captains can decide to play under normal rules.

In this case the Reserves or early match would still commence at 12.05pm and A grade match or main match at 2.15pm which would result in a longer break between matches.