



Wanneroo Basketball Association Inc.

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Heat Policy

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OVERVIEW

All persons involved in the organisation of games should be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on persons playing or attending basketball games and put in adequate contingencies for the minimising of risk to person, particularly when high temperatures are expected.

All WBA competitions shall abide by the following policy:

1. Game Management

1.1. When temperatures exceed 36 degrees Celsius inside any facility:

- 1.1.1. A thermometer should be available at the stadium on game days where high temperatures are expected.
- 1.1.2. When the on-court temperatures exceed 36 degrees Celsius, competition managers and WBA staff must implement the following mitigation strategies:
- 1.1.3. Ensure all fans are turned on (where applicable);
- 1.1.4. Referees must call compulsory time outs at 10 min mark of each half (2 x compulsory timeouts – 14 min mark and 7 min mark - if only 5 players in team);
- 1.1.5. Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs to be available for use where required.
- 1.1.6. Provide proper advice to coaches and players on the effects of heat, symptoms of heat stress, the need for proper hydration and the facilities that are available at the stadium to prevent or treat heat stress.

2. Game Abandonment

- 2.1. Should temperatures **exceed 40 degrees Celsius** inside any facility, then the Games Manager on duty is to:
 - 2.1.1. Abandon all matches currently in play, with the results to be based as per the WBA Competition by-laws.
 - 2.1.2. There are to be no further matches played until the next time slot **following** the temperature falling below the prescribed 40 degrees Celsius limit.
 - 2.1.3. The Games Manager on duty will use their best endeavours to communicate with the relevant contacts at all clubs as to the progress of any later timeslots being able to commence.
 - 2.1.4. Any matches that are cancelled prior to starting will be declared a “wash out” and the game not counted in the results.

The Competition Coordinator, in conjunction with respective Games Managers, is to ensure all venues are prepared for the likelihood of the Heat Policy needing to be implemented.