

HOT WEATHER POLICY

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Local Domestic Competition – Hot Weather Policy

This Hot Weather Policy relates solely to the Coastal Classic tournament.

On days where the court temperature reaches **30 degrees Celsius** competition organisers **must consider implementing** and where the court temperature reaches **35 degrees Celsius** competition organisers **must implement** the following timing rules:

If a game is played in quarter, the game time will be reduced by 1 minute per quarter. An additional compulsory timeout close to the halfway mark of each quarter will be called by the referees **and the clock shall continue throughout the timeout.**

This additional timeout is for the purpose of taking on water, not for coaching and direction.

Coaches are also encouraged to utilise their allocated timeouts within each half and to utilise substitutions more often to minimise the risks of heat stress and dehydration.

When the court temperature reaches 40 degrees Celsius games must be abandoned.

Subject to any rule or ruling by the Competition Manager and/or General Manager:

- a. If a game is abandoned before it commences or prior to half time, it is counted as a draw;
- b. If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result.

Once a game has been abandoned, the Competition Manager, General Manager or their authorised delegate will review and reassess conditions every 30 minutes. Play will generally not be resumed until the court temperature has fallen below at least 39 degrees Celsius.

The Competition Manager or the General Manager, shall make preliminary decisions on whether to abandon or delay games on the day. These decisions will be the sole final judgement of the Competition Manager **and** the General Manager (or their delegate), paying reasonable regard to the status of teams within the tournament and the stage of the tournament.

The decisions of the Competition Manager and the General Manager are **final** with regards to abandonment and/or delaying of games, and no correspondence shall be entered into.

Hot Weather Guidelines

Central Coast Basketball has adopted the following guidelines regarding the playing of basketball in hot weather conditions, which relates to players and officials.

The overarching concern of this policy is the safety and wellbeing of active participants – players and referees. No one should ever feel as though they must play if they believe it is unsafe or they are feeling distressed.

Participants who have a concern regarding the playing conditions should speak with the individual overseeing their participation – generally their coach (players) or referee supervisor (referees).

Irrespective of the predicted maximum temperature, stadium managers, coaches, team managers and referees should adopt the following as appropriate, in cases of hot weather:

Stadium Managers should:

- Be fully aware of availability of first aid equipment and first aid and medical personnel that may be accessible to all persons attending,
- Ensure that water is made readily available to participants (this may consist of information and signage as to where water is accessible),
- Take steps to maximise airflow and reduce heat build up in stadia,
- Make an assessment of playing conditions and advise referees and coaches,
- **Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are unsafe.**

Coaches should:

- Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which may be affected by heat,
- Ensure that players take adequate fluid during the game,
- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
- Make substitutions as appropriate,
- Utilise available time-outs.

Referees should:

- Call additional time-outs,
- Extend the breaks between quarters.

Team managers should:

- Ensure that players take appropriate fluid before, during and after the game,
- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
- Ascertain whether players have medical conditions which may be affected by weather conditions

Coastal Classic (and other CCB tournament play) – Hot Weather Policy

*This policy may also be applied to other tournaments operated by CCB, however **does not apply** to BNSW-operated leagues (such as EJJ, CCL, Country Championship etc).*

A thermometer will be utilised to monitor on court temperatures.

On days where the forecast maximum temperature for Terrigal is 30 degrees Celsius or higher (as per the Bureau of Meteorology website at 8:00pm the day prior), the Competition Manager will distribute this Heat Policy to all team delegates for participating teams.

In addition to this, the following steps shall be taken:

- The Venue Manager will be required to notate the temperature at 30 minute intervals from 8:00am onwards on a record to be kept by CCB.
- When the court temperature reaches **30 degrees Celsius**, advise the Competition Manager (preferably by phone) so as to make them aware of the situation at that venue,
- When the court temperature reaches **35 degrees Celsius**, implement the Heat Rule as follows:
 - Games shall be shortened by 1 minute per quarter (i.e. from 8 minutes to 7 minutes), and
 - An additional 30-second Heat Time Out will be called at the first stoppage after mid-point of each quarter (i.e. first whistle or made basket after 3:30 on the game clock) for the purpose of taking on water. **The clock shall continue to run throughout this timeout.**
- When the court temperature reaches **38 degrees Celsius**, advise the Competition Manager (again, to make them aware of the venue situation), and
- When the court temperature reaches **40 degrees Celsius**, abandon the game in progress.

Subject to any rule or ruling by the Competition Manager and/or General Manager:

- a. If a game is abandoned before it commences or prior to half time, it is counted as a draw;
- b. If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result.

Once a game has been abandoned, the Venue Manager will review and reassess conditions every 30 minutes. Play will generally not be resumed until the court temperature has fallen below at least 39 degrees Celsius.

The Competition Manager or the General Manager, in conjunction with the Venue Manager/s, shall make decisions on whether to abandon or delay games within the tournament. These decisions will be the sole judgement of the Competition Manager **and** the General Manager (or their delegate), paying reasonable regard to the status of teams within the tournament and the stage of the tournament.

The decisions of the Competition Manager and the General Manager are **final** with regards to abandonment and/or delaying of games, and no correspondence shall be entered into.