

Baseball WA Extreme Heat Policy

SENIOR COMPETITION

Introduction

Heat stress and injury can lead to impaired player performance, physical distress (e.g. dizziness, headache, collapse and nausea). In its extreme form it can be life threatening.

Game Cancellation

If the Bureau of Meteorology weather forecast exceeds 39.5 degrees on game day, the umpires allocated to each game will take a temperature check on the diamond 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. If the temperature at that time exceeds 39.5 degrees, that game will be cancelled. Or, if the reading at that time indicates that the temperature is forecast to exceed 39.5 degrees at any time during the allotted game time, that game will also be cancelled.

Except for State League 1, regular season games cancelled due to extreme temperatures, BWA will not be reschedule any make up games. However, if both clubs can arrange the game to be replayed then BWA will allow the game to be played. All make up games must be played prior to the final round of fixtures. All playoff games will be made up.

Risk Management

During any game played under the auspices of BWA, any BWA official (employee), Board Member or Umpires Adviser is empowered to terminate a game if, in their judgement, the extreme weather conditions are such that players, umpires, scorers and spectators are exposed to a significant risk of injury or illness.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Any game scheduled to be played between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a given day, where the forecast temperature is greater than 39 degrees Celsius shall be cancelled. The forecast shall be as per www.bom.gov.au at 5pm on the day prior and notification of cancellation uploaded to the BWA website as early as possible. The Competitions Manager shall ensure all Charter Presidents are informed of such decision as early as possible.