

## **PREMIER CRICKET EXTREME CONDITIONS POLICY**

If there is an adverse weather forecast (wet weather or extreme heat) for the scheduled playing day:

### In Advance

The Premier Cricket Management Team (PCMT) may consider a full or partial cancellation\* in advance and where applicable will seek necessary guidance from the Bureau of Meteorology and/or selected medical and legal practitioners. Should this occur, all clubs will be notified via email and text message to Administration Managers, the Premier Cricket website and via twitter.

### Match Day Morning

The PCMT will consult once ground reports and all available forecast data has been collated. The PCMT's decision will be conveyed via email and text message to Administration Managers, the Premier Cricket website and via twitter.

### Match Day

If the PCMT's decision is "report to grounds", decisions regarding play shall be in the hands of the umpires.

### Extreme Heat

It shall be the responsibility of each Club Administration Manager (or his/her nominee) to monitor on a half-hourly basis, current temperatures via the Bureau of Meteorology website or 1196 weather information line. Should the current temperature reach 42 degrees, play shall be suspended immediately at that club's home grounds. The temperature shall be monitored. Play shall not resume until the temperature falls below 41 degrees.

The current temperatures provided on 1196 will apply as follows:

Melbourne City: Brighton District, Camberwell Magpies, Carlton, Coburg,

Footscray Edgewater, Melbourne, Melbourne Uni, Prahran, St Kilda.

Scoresby: Box Hill, Monash Tigers, Ringwood.

Viewbank: Fitzroy Doncaster, Northcote, Plenty Valley

Moorabbin: Dandenong, Kingston Hawthorn

Melbourne Airport: Essendon, Essendon-Maribyrnong Park, Greenvale Kangaroos, Melton.

Ballarat: Napoleons-Sebastopol.

Avalon: Geelong

Frankston: Casey-South Melbourne, Frankston Peninsula.

Notwithstanding the above, the umpires shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion.

No person is forced by Cricket Victoria to participate in any match and Clubs shall place no pressure on any participant if he/she considers withdrawing from any part of a match for health reasons.

### \*Partial Cancellation

Where applicable, the PCMT may choose to cancel 3rds & 4ths only or Women's Premier Cricket only or 3rds, 4ths & all Women's Premier Cricket only.

## **PREMIER CRICKET EXTREME CONDITIONS GUIDELINES**

Premier Rule 14.1, in particular 14.1.4 and 14.1.5, provides the prime guidance for the management of conditions during Premier Cricket matches. While this rule is generally considered to relate to the fitness of the ground, weather and light for play to continue, it equally applies to extremes of conditions such as heat, cold, wind and lightning which may make continuation of play dangerous. The Rule charges the Umpires with the responsibility to manage conditions and as such they are the final arbiters as to the fitness of conditions to allow play to continue.

When a period of extreme temperature is forecast, the following issues need to be considered by all participants when dealing with the heat:

- The conditions at each venue are to be assessed on a case by case basis
- Umpires and clubs are encouraged to arrange extra drinks breaks (every 4-5 overs if necessary) and unrestricted drinks around the boundary for bowlers and at the fall of a wicket for fielders to assist with hydration.
- Umpires and clubs are also encouraged to "manage" the availability of the extra 30 minutes of playing time available, eg the implementation of additional intervals.
- Where possible, unrestricted interchange of substitute fielders shall be permitted. Umpires will be lenient in relation to Law 2.5 (re fielder leaving the field for more than 15 minutes not being permitted to bowl immediately).
- Umpires are to ensure that all time delays associated with implementing heat mitigation measures are recorded as allowances when calculating over rates for the purpose of determining penalty overs (ie "On-Field Delays Allowance" is to be adjusted accordingly).

The Umpires are required to do all within their power to facilitate play without compromising their responsibility in respect of "duty of care". They are therefore required to balance all the factors and make a decision whether the conditions are fit for play and, if not satisfied that they are safe, suspend play until such time as they are. Any such decision by our Umpires in relation to extremes of temperature would be absolutely supported should it occur.