

Weather

Policy

Purpose

The following weather policy has been adopted from the Weather Policy of the South Australian National Football League and specifically relates to Minis, Juniors and Girls teams.

Scope

Hot weather requirements include:

- Training sessions and matches, including pre-season trial matches, shall be cancelled if the forecast temperature published on the Bureau of Meteorology Australia (BOM) app on the day the training is proposed to occur or the match is proposed to be played is 34°C or greater.
- Coaches and team managers shall provide additional drinks breaks during training sessions, trial matches and minor round matches and actively encourage junior players to remain hydrated when the temperature is forecast above 25°C. The coach and/or team managers should modify or terminate the training activity if they consider the conditions unsafe for the players.
- If in the opinion of the field umpire(s) the temperature and humidity conditions have become unsafe for the players they shall advise both team managers that they consider the conditions unsuitable for play and shall terminate the match.

Inclement weather requirements include:

- Training sessions and/or pre-season trial matches may be modified and/or cancelled if the forecast/conditions is for ongoing inclement weather which poses a safety risk to players and/or official.
- The field umpire(s) shall stop the match and order the players from the field if inclement weather conditions which they consider poses a safety risk to players and officials develop during the match
- The match shall restart when the field umpire(s) deem conditions to be safe to do so. The match shall be shortened to comply with rules as specified by the SANFL/AFL (refer to Abandonment of matches)

POLICY REVIEW

This Policy is subject to regular review at a maximum interval of two (2) years. For the purposes of carrying out and giving effect to this policy, the Treasurer or President may from time to time prepare, adopt or vary, and otherwise issue to members of BDOS, guidelines and directions relating to any aspect of this policy

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