



HOT WEATHER POLICY

Mandurah Basketball Association has adopted the following guidelines regarding the playing of basketball in hot weather, which relates to players and officials. **Irrespective of the predicted maximum temperature**, stadium managers, coaches, team managers and referees should adopt the following as appropriate, in cases of hot weather:

MBA Staff should:

- Take steps to maximise airflow and reduce heat build-up in the stadium
- Make an assessment of playing conditions and advise referees and coaches,
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- **Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are considered 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 adequate 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 heat

This Hot Weather Policy solely relates to Mandurah Basketball Association managed social basketball competitions.. No-one should ever feel as though they must play if they believe it is unsafe or they are feeling distressed.

On days when the actual temperature for Mandurah is **38 degrees or higher at the official commencement of your game time, MBA Staff will cancel the game.** Please note that MBA Staff will take hourly temperature readings from 2pm onwards, and if at 4.10pm the temperature has peaked over 38 degrees then the games will be cancelled. This will continue for each timeslot scheduled for play that day.

In the event that MBA decides to cancel games office staff will contact the Team Manager as listed on Sporting Pulse as well as posting the actual team names and game times that have been cancelled on the MBA website. It is the responsibility of Team Contacts to notify their players of the games cancellation.

On days when the forecast maximum temperature is **35 degrees or higher**, timing rules for games may be modified as follows:

1. Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each half, if not already called
2. The half time breaks to be extended by a minute
3. Tag on and Tag off substitutions allowable, with no need for an official substitution being called by the referee.