



This policy shall be implemented by the FTGDCA when the temperature for Scoresby is forecast (issued at 5:05 am on the day of the match) to reach **38 degrees Celsius (36 degrees for U12's and 34 degrees for S7's & F9's)** during the hours of play. All decisions will be based on the Bureau of Meteorology forecast available on the day of the match from their web site [here for Web Browsers](#) (click on detail to view by hours – example on page 2) or [here for Mobile devices](#) (only next 24 hrs displayed)

The decision will be taken at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled commencement (3.00pm on a scheduled weekday match the temperature for any time post 5.00pm & 6.00am on a Saturday morning the temperature for any time during the hours of 8.00am and 11.30am), or no earlier than 12 hours prior to commencement on match days. Should the policy be implemented notification shall be recorded the associations Facebook page.

Cancellation of junior games shall be based on a sliding scale:

Grade	Based on Forecast at Scoresby (issued at 5:05 am) on the day of the match
U14s & U16s	38 degrees Celsius
U12s	36 degrees Celsius
S7's & F9's	34 degrees Celsius

Modified Match Conditions – Should the extreme weather policy be implemented, the Junior Match Committee **may** under the circumstances make the following decisions:

- 1) U14s & U16s - Cancel play on day one of a two day match and reschedule to a one day match on the second week.

In the event of the CFA declaring a **Catastrophic Warning** on the day of a match, **ALL** games will be cancelled. Cancellation of junior games will be communicated via Facebook.

Shade – Clubs should provide shaded areas where the batting team, spectators and scorers may shelter.

Drinks – Umpires or Coaches (where umpires not present) shall allow additional drink breaks as long as it does not effect the scheduled playing time. Any participant may call for additional drink breaks whilst batting, fielding or umpiring, although every effort should be taken to minimize when this occurs. For example, the drinks should be run onto the ground immediately conclusion of an over and batsmen be ready to take strike with a minimum delay to the fielding team. Bowlers may have drinks placed on the boundary line, which can be consumed at the completion of an over without disrupting play.

Sun Protection – Players are reminded of the need for frequent applications of sunscreen and the use of long sleeved shirts to reduce exposure to the sun. Hats are an essential item and wide brimmed style is recommended, particularly on sunny days.

Player Rotation – After notifying his / her coach and an umpire (if possible), a player may remove themselves from the field at any time for reasons of heat stress. If a team has more than the named eleven players, they may, after notifying the umpire, rotate fieldsman to rest players in extreme heat conditions.

Heat Stress - Any player observed to suffering from heat stress is to be sent from the field by the umpire or coach immediately. Umpires – Where an umpire feels that his health or judgment may suffer because of extreme heat, he may take a break from his duties, after arranging an appropriate substitute.

First Aid – Club first aid kits must include aids for the treatment of heat affected participants. Every endeavour should be made to have a club member, who is properly skilled in the treatment of heat affected people, at home games. A notice should be prominently included in or displayed near the first aid kit, explaining treatment of heat affected patients.

Lightning – Should any lightning be visible before and/or during a match, the match is not to commence or players are to leave the field immediately if the match has commenced. Play is not to commence or resume until a period of at least 30 minutes since no further lightning has been sighted. Any time lost for lightning shall be treated in the same manner as for wet weather.

Note: visible does not mean any match official is to make a determination as to how far away it is. If it can be seen it is visible and the lightning policy is to take effect immediately.

Please note that The Executive Committee reserves the right to call off games in extreme circumstances.