

# Extreme Heat Policy

## 1. Purpose

Volleyball Victoria Extreme Heat Policy has been introduced to reduce the risk of related injury to players, coaches, & officials involved in Volleyball Victoria (VV) events or activities.

## 2. Cancellation Conditions

- Volleyball Victoria does reserve the right to postpone or cancel any event prior to the start date/time where extreme weather conditions pose a danger to participants.
- The factors considered will include extreme temperatures, wind, rain, thunderstorms and lightning.
- Volleyball Victoria recognises the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) as the official source for all updates and assessment on forecast weather conditions.
- Delegates or players will receive an email notification and details will be posted on [www.volleyballvictoria.org.au](http://www.volleyballvictoria.org.au) and social media advising of the organiser's decision.
- Failure to show up due to weather conditions will be considered a no show for an event and will incur penalties.

## 3. Temperature Readings

On any given day when the temperature is forecast above **35°C** it is to be monitored at hourly intervals by the following measures:

**Indoor Volleyball** – On-court temperature is to be measured by in-stadium thermometers. Most stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer; if not refer to the bureau of meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au))

At State Volleyball Centre, (SVC) Dandenong.

Thermometers are located as follows:

- Court 1 North Wall servicing Courts 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Area 1)
- Court 5/6 North Wall servicing Courts 5, 6 & 7 (Area 2)
- Court 9 West Wall servicing Courts 8, 9 & 10 (Area 3)
- Indoor Beach Courts East Wall - Office Wall (Area 3)

**Outdoor Beach Volleyball** – The bureau of meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) is recognised as the official source for all updates and assessment on forecast weather conditions.

## 4. Heat Policy

All temperatures will be measured by the temperature readings as detailed above.

If the temperature is above **30°C** before the match begins. The competition manager **may** at their discretion;

- modify the match set format from 5 sets to 3 sets
- allow an additional x2 time-outs (1min) per team per set

After play commences and the temperature reaches **35°C** the following reduced scoring modifications **must** be implemented.

### Indoor Volleyball

Stage	Temp	Modification
Stage 1	35°	5 set matches: Reduced to best of 3 sets  3 set matches: Reduce score to 20, 20, 10  - Enforce x2 technical time-outs per set
Stage 2	37°	Reduced scoring modifications – at the discretion of the tournament manager
Stage 3	39°	Tournament postponed for 30 minutes and then assessed

### Beach Volleyball

Stage	Temp	Modification
Stage 1	35°	Reduced Scoring to 15, 15, 12
Stage 2	37°	Reduced scoring to 12, 12, 7
Stage 3	39°	Tournament postponed for 30 minutes and then assessed

## 5. Postpone Review

If at the end of 30 minutes, play is still not possible, the competition manager will review the situation and inform delegates/players whether a further break is required (not longer than 2 hours) or if the matches will be abandoned.

## 6. Abandoned Matches

Matches **must** be abandoned when temperature exceeds **39°** for longer than 2 hours

- If a game is abandoned before it commences it will be counted as a draw
- If a game is abandoned before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> set it will be counted as a draw

- If a game is abandoned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> sets, the game score stands as a final result

How to contact us

If you have any questions in relation to this policy, please contact us on **9794 0009** between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can write to [memberships@volleyballvictoria.org.au](mailto:memberships@volleyballvictoria.org.au)

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