

Keilor Basketball Domestic Climate (Heat) Policy –

Adopted from both the Basketball Victoria Climate Policy in conjunction with KBA By Laws

All persons involved in the organisation of games must be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on person playing or attending basketball and put in place adequate contingencies for the minimising of risk to persons, particularly when high temperatures are expected. Where high temperatures are expected organisers of games must know the extremes or temperature which can occur in the particular venue.

Where high temperatures are expected game organisers must make reasonable attempts to ensure:

- Full knowledge of availability of first aid equipment and first aid and medical personnel is accessible by all persons attending;
- Referees and other officials are aware of the symptoms of heat stress and are instructed to be on the alert to notice any such symptoms;
- Referees are instructed to initiate regular extra time-outs during the game and to shorten the game if necessary;
- Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before and after the game and that facilities are available for them to do so;
- Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water, fans or other facilities;
- Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs are available for use where appropriate; and
- Proper advice is available to coaches and players on the effects of heat, symptoms of heat stress, the need for proper hydration and the facilities that are available to prevent or treat heat stress.

All stadiums must be fitted with a thermometer. On hot days, court temperature must be taken hourly whilst the stadium is in use and must be recorded in a permanent record kept at the stadium. If the stadium is in sections, the temperature must be taken in each section.

When the court temperature reaches 30oC competition organisers must consider implementing and where the court temperature reaches 35oC, MUST implement the following timing rules:

- Games shall consist of two halves of 18 minutes with one (1) compulsory timeout (called by referee) at the halfway point of each half. The clock shall stop for each of these compulsory timeouts, and all others, in accordance with Coaches should not view compulsory timeouts as a chance to coach players but as a chance for players to rest and re-hydrate and should encourage such.
- The clock shall stop for timeouts in the last two (2) minutes of the second half only.
- The clock shall stop for all whistles in the last two (2) minutes of the second half, except where a team is leading by 20 points or more (for Under 12 to Under 19 competitions) or for under 10 if a team is leading by 10 points or more, then the clock will only stop for timeouts.
- No timeouts will be taken in the last one (1) minute of the first half. Where a time-out is in progress prior to the one minute point of the first half, that time-out will cease at the one (1) minute point and the players will be called to resume play immediately.
- Timing for the finals will consist of two twenty (20) minute halves with the clock stopping for time-outs throughout the game and for all whistles in the last one (1) minute of the first half, and for all whistles in the last three (3) minutes of the second half.

When the court temperature reaches 40C games must be abandoned.

Subject to any rule or ruling by a competition organiser

(i) if a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at half time it is counted as a draw

(ii) if a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result.