



2021 EXTREME HEAT POLICY

RULES DURING EXTREME HEAT

POLICY

This policy is in place to ensure a Duty of Care is taken for patrons of Ray Owens Sports Centre, in the case of Extreme Heat.

PROCEDURE

Prevention & Identification

Extreme Heat will be classified as any day forecast to be 38 to 40 Degrees Celsius or higher at 2 pm on that particular day. During Extreme Heat, court temperatures will be checked frequently by Competition Co-ordinator for participants safety and before each match for players and umpire safety.

CANCELLATIONS

Should a competition round need to be cancelled due to Extreme Heat, it is the Competition Co-ordinator responsibility to contact the teams captain before the booking if possible.

MATCHES

The following modifications to the match rules will be implemented by the Competition Co-ordinator.

If the court area temperature is 38C or higher at the commencement of the game.

- The match shall be reduced from 4 x 10 minute quarters to 4 x 8 minute quarters.
- The umpire may stop the game at any time to check the well-being of players, however the clock will not be stopped, including opportunity for extra drink breaks.
- All other match rules remain.
- If court temperature is 40C or higher at commencement, matches must be abandoned.

ABANDONED GAMES

- If a game is abandoned before it commences or before half time it will be counted as a 10 all draw
- If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result
- Umpires will be paid regular match fee for abandoned matches, unless plenty of notice has been given as per standard policies/procedures.
- Teams can forfeit games if they choose to do so. However they must advise the office as early as possible to ensure that notifications can be made.