



**WARWICK**  
— STADIUM —



**HOT**

**WEATHER POLICY**

**Warwick Senior and Junior Domestic Competitions**

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**Our Guidelines are based on Directive from BWA**

### Hot Weather Guidelines

Warwick Stadium has adopted the following guidelines regarding the playing of Basketball in hot weather conditions. This 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.

Stadium Managers 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.
- Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are considered unsafe.

Coaches should:

- Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which maybe 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 timeouts

Referees/Umpires/Ref Coaches should:

- Call additional timeouts
- Extend breaks between quarters/half time

Team Mangers should:

- Ensure all 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 maybe affected by weather conditions

Coaches/Team Managers

- Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in referees/umpires officiating your game and check on their well being

# Hot Weather Guidelines

as amended January 2019



**BASKETBALL WA**

1. All persons involved in the organisation of games should be aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on persons playing or attending basketball and put in place adequate contingencies for the minimising of risk to persons, particularly when high temperatures are expected.
2. All persons participating in games should be aware of their own limitations, medical conditions, dehydration and any other factors which may increase the effects of extreme temperatures.
3. Where high temperatures are expected, organisers of games should know the extremes or temperature which can occur in the particular venue.
4. Where high temperatures are expected, game organisers should make reasonable attempts to ensure:
  - 4.1 Full knowledge of availability of first aid equipment and personnel accessible by all persons attending;
  - 4.2 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;
  - 4.3 Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before and after the game;
  - 4.4 Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water, fans or other facilities including hydration;
  - 4.5 Adequate supplies of ice and ice packs are available for use where appropriate; and
  - 4.6 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.
5. A thermometer should be available at the stadium on game days where high temperatures are expected. On days where the forecasted temperature is predicted to be 30 degrees Celsius or higher, competition managers should monitor the on court temperature accordingly. If the stadium is in sections, the temperature must be taken in each section.
6. When the on court temperature reaches 30 degrees Celsius, competition managers should consider implementing, and where the on court temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius, must implement the following mitigation strategies:
  - 6.1 Referees to call a time-out at the half way point of each period, if one has not already been called;
  - 6.2 Half time breaks to be extended by a minute;
  - 6.3 Water stations and ice are to be made available;
  - 6.4 Competition managers may reduce game times if deemed necessary;
  - 6.5 Air-conditioning to be turned on in venues that have this capability;
  - 6.6 Competition managers to monitor internal temperature gauges.