

21.1 HOT WEATHER

If the forecast for the Melbourne CBD, for any given day is forecast to exceed 36 degrees Celsius, matches will commence at 8.00am and conclude not later than 11.30am (irrespective of any other rule allowing for extension of playing times). Team Managers will ensure that the appropriate drinks breaks are taken.

If the forecast for the Melbourne CBD, on the day, exceeds 36 degrees, Team Managers must, at the scheduled drinks break (9.25am) check the current temperature by telephoning 1196 (Scoresby). If the temperature at 9.25 am is 36 degrees or more, play is not to resume unless the temperature falls.

In such a case, or in any case where the temperature is below 36 degrees but expected to rise, the Team Managers should check the current temperature every 15 minutes and play is to cease if the temperature reaches 36 degrees.

Play can be abandoned for the day, at 10.30am or at any time thereafter if the Team Managers agree that the temperature is unlikely to fall. In the event of a dispute, the matter is to be referred to the Junior Executive for a ruling.

The forecast temperature is to be confirmed by umpires and team managers by accessing the Bureau of Meteorology by phone on 1196 or through the website www.bom.gov.au (Victoria, Melbourne CBD). This forecast is updated at 5:05 am each morning

The RDCA Junior Committee reserves the right to abandon any match when

- (a) If the forecast temperature for the CBD, on any given day of a match, is 40 degrees Celsius or higher, or
- (b) The Junior Executive, by SMS, advises Junior Coordinators on match day that a temperature of 36 degrees has been reached.
- (c) **If the Fire Danger rating (as specified by the CFA) for any area where a RDCA match, that is fixtured, is very high or above.**