

RDCA Veterans Extreme Conditions Policy

1. In the event of adverse weather conditions (rain, heat, cold, wind, flood or lightning) the Executive Committee shall have the discretion to cancel or reschedule the round of games (including finals) and will do so by notifying the club's delegate by either email or text message prior to the scheduled start time.

This action can be taken In **Advance of the day of the game**, based on information available from The Bureau of Meteorology or any other source that has the safety of all players as the first priority.

This action can also be taken on **Match Day Morning** after collation of all the acquired information and advise clubs by 10.00 AM.

2. **The Veterans Extreme Heat Policy** also allows the Executive Committee the discretion to cancel or reschedule (on the above conditions in Rule 1) any round of games (including finals) based on the following information:

The Temperature for the day obtained from:

www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/scoresby.shtml

at 9.00AM is forecast to reach a Maximum of 37 degrees or **MORE**.

- a. If play commences due to the forecast being 37 degrees or lower and during play the temperature reaches 37 degrees or above, play is to be suspended and then monitoring each half hour is to be continued until play recommences, or play is abandoned.
- b. In the event that **play is to commence** and notwithstanding any decision taken or not taken by the Executive Committee, **Umpires** shall have the powers to abandon or suspend play at any time at their discretion, where continuation of play may be dangerous. This would be for safety reasons for all players.

The Laws of Cricket charge the Umpires with the responsibility to manage conditions, and as such they are the final arbiters as to the fitness of conditions to allow play to continue.

If play is suspended during the match, the umpire/s, unaccompanied by any of the players or officials shall, on their own initiative carry out an inspection immediately the conditions improve and shall continue to inspect at intervals until play is possible or otherwise.

3. In the event that no Umpires are in attendance, then each Club's Captain or his Nominee will be the Responsible person in conjunction with the visiting sides Responsible Person, to administer the Rules, and make decisions an Umpire would take.

It is expected the player's wellbeing will always be paramount in the decisions taken as this is the essence of this Veterans Extreme Conditions Policy

Appendix A

1. Breaks in Play are recorded in Score Books.
2. There is no reduction in Overs to be bowled in lieu of adverse weather conditions.
3. Play can continue to 7.00PM
4. All safety measures should be used: sunscreen, hat/cap, adequate fluids,
5. More drink breaks in hot weather,
6. **Immediate** vacation of ground at the first sign of lightning,