

Clarification re Heat Policy

Reference 1718/37

There apparently is still some confusion regarding the Heat Policy.

For all 3 days of competition we do the following:

- 1. Two days before, at 4:30 pm, we check the forecast temperature for the day of play and if it is 36 degrees Celsius or above we reschedule all games to be played at 9:30 am, with roll-up at 9:15 am. (refer rules S7.2, S7.3 & S7.4).
- 2. Once the decision has been made two days before to start the games early, games will be played at that earlier time regardless of what the forecast temperature is on the day before or on the morning of the day of play. Games will continue to completion unless the actual temperature reaches 38 degrees (36 for Thursdays) as per Rules S7.1.1-7.
- 3. If, when we check the forecast temperature two days before the day of play, the forecast is below 36 degrees Celsius, games will be played at the normal time unless on the morning of the game of play the forecast is 38 degrees Celsius or above (36 for Thursday). If that forecast temperature is 38 or above (36 for Thursday) all games will be cancelled – apart from Saturday Premier League & Divisions 1-3 which will be rescheduled to the following Friday night.

Clubs are also reminded that on any day when the temperature has the potential to reach 38 degrees (36 on Thursdays) they need to have a dedicated person monitoring the temperature to ensure that games do not continue once the cut-off temperature is reached.

The full policy is laid out in detail in Annexure A – Extreme Weather (Heat) Policy – Metro Pennant Supplement attached to the 2107-18 Conditions of Play.

In the event of an extreme weather event, Match & Program reserves the right to cancel all games.

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