

Hot Weather Guidelines

Adopted by The Albany Basketball Association May 2024,

following the guidance from Basketball WA.

1. The Albany Basketball Association (ABA) is aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on persons playing 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 of temperature which can occur in the particular venue.
4. Where high temperatures are expected, the ABA 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 should be aware they 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 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 will 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, the ABA will 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, the ABA will consider implementing, and where the on court temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius, will implement the following mitigation strategies:
 - 6.1 Referees to call a time-out at the halfway 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 The ABA may reduce game times if deemed necessary;
 - 6.5 Door into the venue will be opened allowing breeze to enter the building. 6.6 The ABA to monitor internal temperature gauges.

7. When the on court temperature reaches 40 degrees Celsius, games should be abandoned.

7.1 Subject to any rule or ruling by the ABA.

7.1.1 If a game is abandoned before it commences or before or at

half time, it is counted as a draw;

7.1.2 If a game is abandoned after half time, the game score stands as a final result. 8. Games may be cancelled by the ABA in on court temperatures under 40 degrees Celsius if playing conditions are deemed unsafe.