DOMESTIC COMPETITION CLIMATE POLICY

IMPLEMENTATION FOR TIMEKEEPER ON PAGE 2 & 3 OF THIS POLICY.

Melbourne Central Basketball Association (MCBA) is mindful that in extreme heat there is a need to change timing regulations to assist with the health and wellbeing of all participants.

MCBA also understands that participants in junior competitions require further protection due to their developmental stage and, as a result, slightly altered rules apply between junior and senior domestic competitions.

When conducting and managing Friday night Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) games, MCBA is required to adopt the VJBL Heat Timing Rules. This Climate Policy relates to all other competitions conducted and managed by MCBA.

This Climate Policy applies to the following competitions:

Senior Domestic Competition

- CYMS Sunday Competition
- MBA Monday Competition
- Spartans Tuesday Competition
- Wednesday Competition
- Thursday Competition

Junior Domestic Competition

- Playball Bayside Competition
- Saturday Juniors Competition

There is no discretion in the rule, the application of which shall be made by competition staff, or if no competition staff are present, the most senior referee on duty.

All other match rules as outlined in the relevant competition by-laws apply unless this policy specifies otherwise.

Cancellation of games if indoor temperature reaches 40 degrees

Without discretion, if the indoor temperature at a venue reaches 40 degrees, the game shall be abandoned. Any game cancelled prior to the beginning of the game, or abandoned during the first half, shall be declared a nil-all draw. Any game abandoned at half time or in the second half shall be declared a nil-all draw unless the margin is ten points or greater, in which case the team leading by ten points or more shall be declared the winner, and the score shall stand.

JUNIOR DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION

Between 30 and 39.9 degrees:

1st Half

- Set Clock for 9 minute quarter
- At duration of 9 minutes there will be a 1-minute break
- Set Clock for a further 9 minute quarter
- At duration of second 9 minutes, it will be half time (2-minute break)

2nd Half - Repeat 1st Half

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40 Degrees and Above:

Games Abandoned

SENIOR DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION

Between 30 and 34.9 degrees: The Competition Supervisor shall determine whether the climate policy timing rules below are to take effect.

Between 35 and 39.9 degrees:

1st Half

- Set Clock for 9 minute quarter
- At duration of 9 minutes there will be a 1-minute break
- Set Clock for further 9 minute quarter
- At duration of second 9 minutes, it will be half time (2-minute break)

2nd Half - Repeat 1st Half

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40 Degrees and Above:

Games Abandoned

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TEMPERATURE	JUNIOR DOMESTIC	SENIOR DOMESTIC
30° to 34.9°	Apply the timing sequence below.	**Competition Supervisor decides** whether the timing sequence below applies.
35° to 39.9°	Apply the timing sequence below.	Apply the timing sequence below.
40° and above	Games abandoned (no discretion)	Games abandoned (no discretion)

Timing sequence (when applicable)

1st HALF

1. Set the clock for a 9-minute quarter.
2. 1-minute break.
3. Set the clock for a further 9-minute quarter.
4. Half time: 2 minutes.

2nd HALF: repeat the 1st half.

Resuming play after breaks: play resumes after each break as determined by the alternating possession arrow.

Other provisions:

- 1 time-out per half for each team.
- Team fouls carry for the whole half, regardless of clock re-sets.

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