

## Junior Extreme Heat Policy – Procedure

**TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD** Where a temperature threshold is stated, the following measurement shall apply.

The “Feels like” or effective temperature (taking into account wind and humidity) from the nearest weather station in degrees from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Weather App shall be used. The “feels like” temperature may vary from the absolute temperature depending on the level of humidity and wind.

**SMARTPHONE APP** BOM shall be the official App for sourcing temperature data. The “feels like” temperature shall be the official temperature measurement. Smartphone location settings must be enabled.

### **CESSATION OF PLAY**

**Level 1** –The umpires, coaches or captains shall schedule additional drinks intervals in the event that the “feels like” temperature exceeds 32°. Players and umpires may leave the field of play during this interval.

**Level 2** –Play shall cease immediately in the event that the BOM “feels like” temperature, at the location, reaches or exceeds 38°.

**Resumption of play** – Play shall resume if the “feels like” temperature drops below 38degrees or less.

**Abandoned of play** – Play shall be abandoned if after one hour, players leaving the field due to excessive heat, the temperature has not fallen below 38°. (The result will be a draw if no result has been achieved.)

**LOSS OF PLAYING TIME (DUE TO EXTREME HEAT)** is to be treated as adverse weather conditions as if the game was stopped for a rain delay.

**ADVANCE CANCELLATION OF AN ENTIRE DAY’S PLAY** The association may determine to cancel a day’s play in the event that the forecast temperature, at 4:00pm on the day before scheduled play, is 45° or more.

**INCREASED DRINKS BREAKSANDEXTENDED INTERVALS** Forecast temperature exceeding 32°. Prior to the start of play on any match day, the umpires if assigned, coaches and captains shall conduct a heat safety briefing –

(a) to determine increasing the number and duration of drinks intervals, and.

(b) to determine whether to extend the duration of interval between innings