



Victorian Amateur Football Association

Policies and Code of Conduct

HEAT POLICY FOR VAFA MATCHES

In keeping with the VAFA's development of risk management policies to provide the safest possible environment for the conduct of Amateur football, the VAFA announces the following policy which is to be followed from round one of the Year 2008 season.

The policy is as follows.

An announcement will be made available on the VAFA Website between 9.30 am and 11.00 am on the day of a match where the temperature is expected to reach or exceed 30 degrees. Where high temperatures are forecast for match day at 6pm the day before a match, clubs and umpires must ensure that they check for this announcement.

When it is announced that the Heat Policy is to be adhered to, the following is to apply:

1. The length of each quarter shall be 17 minutes plus time on.
2. The length of the half time break shall be twenty (20) minutes.
3. The length of the three-quarter time break shall be ten (10) minutes.
4. Water carriers to be permitted to be on the playing arena during play, provided they not go within 50 metres of play, and not interfere in any way with play.
5. Field umpires will also be encouraged to delay the re-commencement of play after a goal has been scored by 20-30 seconds so as to allow water carriers some additional time to provide water to players.
6. In relation to Reserves and Club XVIII matches the above rules shall apply, except that the length of each quarter shall not be altered.

The VAFA Executive expects clubs to support this safety initiative.