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ANGLE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

A Good Sports Club committed to providing a healthier environment for families

HOT & INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The following Heat Policy has been adopted as part of the Club's association with the SAAFL, CDJFL & NEMJFL and mirrors their policies.

SENIORS

When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 38 degrees or over, as specified on the radio news at 8.00am on the morning of the match, the match shall be cancelled or rescheduled

A rescheduled match is to be determined by the two competing teams. The League is to be advised in writing by both clubs of the date, time and venue for the rescheduled match.

When the forecast temperature of the day of competition is 32 – 37 degrees as specified on the radio news at 8.00am on the morning of the match, the Heat Policy shall apply. It is the Club's responsibility to be aware of the policy and advise umpires on the day of the matches that the Heat Policy applies.

The Heat Policy also applies for trial and internal scratch matches.

If Angle Vale Football Club is the Home Club, they will be responsible for initiating the following process:

- The B Grade (reserves) match to be moved forward 10 minutes (normal start time would then be 12.05pm).
- A Grade match starts at normal time (2.15pm).
- Timekeepers are instructed to blow siren at 15 minute mark of each quarter to allow a 2 minute break for players to take fluids and cool down.
- A warning siren is blown after 1 minute 30 seconds and a further siren after 1 minute 45 seconds and play recommences exactly 2 minutes after the break commenced.
- Play will recommence as it was when ceased by throwing up the ball in the same vicinity where it ceased at the onset of the break.
- During the 2 minute break coaches are not allowed to address players although the runner may be used.
- Players to be encouraged to use sunscreen on these days and keep fluid intake at a high level.

Please note that if the Heat Policy was invoked and a subsequent cool change arrives, the two competing Club Captains can decide to play under normal rules. In this case the Reserves would still commence at 12.05pm, and the A grade match at 2.15pm which would result in a longer break between matches.

JUNIORS

Hot weather requirements include:

- Training sessions and matches, including pre-season trial matches, shall be cancelled if the forecast temperature published in the Advertiser or Sunday Mail on the day the training is proposed to occur or the match is proposed to be played is 34°C or greater.
- Coaches and team managers shall provide additional drinks breaks during training sessions, trial matches and minor round matches and actively encourage junior players to remain hydrated when the temperature is forecast above 25°C. The coach and/or team managers should modify or terminate the training activity if they consider the conditions unsafe for the players.
- If in their opinion of the field umpire(s) the temperature and humidity conditions have become unsafe for the players they shall advise both team managers that they consider the conditions unsuitable for play and shall terminate the match.

Inclement weather requirements include

- The field umpire(s) shall stop the match and order the players from the field if inclement weather conditions which they consider poses a safety risk to players and officials develop during the match.
- The match shall restart when the field umpire(s) deem conditions to be safe to do so. The match shall be shortened to comply with rule.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually to ensure it remains current, relevant, practical, and that it reflects the community expectations as well as the club's legal requirements.

Signed
Club President
Date:

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Club Secretary
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