



Extreme Weather Policy

1. It is recognised that it may be unsafe to continue play during certain conditions of extreme weather. This policy aims to assist in the making of objective and automatic decisions for the benefit of players, umpires, spectators and administrators.

This Policy shall immediately apply to all Thunder Cricket League fixtures for this season and ongoing seasons.

All competitions should assume the games will be playable and attend the ground, unless notified on the Thunder Cricket League website.

Temperature Threshold

2. Where a temperature threshold is stated, the following measurement shall apply.

The “**Air Temperature**” or “**Feels like**” (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

3. **BOM** shall be the official App for sourcing temperature data. Both the “air” and “feels like” temperature shall be the official temperature measurement, whichever temperature is greater must be used. Smartphone location settings must be enabled.

Cessation of Play

- **Level 1** – The umpires/coaches shall schedule additional drinks intervals in the event that the “air” or “feels like” temperature exceeds 32 degrees Celsius. The drinks interval shall be of 10 minutes’ duration. Players and umpires may leave the field of play during this interval.
- **Level 2** – Play shall cease immediately in the event that the BOM “air” or “feels like” temperature, at the location, reaches or exceeds 37 degrees Celsius.
- **Resumption of play** – Play shall resume if the “air” and “feels like” temperature drops below 37 degrees.

Loss of Playing Time Due to Extreme Heat

4. Where there is any interruption(s) to play due to extreme heat:
- (a) This shall be treated the same way as a rain affected game, and overs will need to be reduced according to the time spent off the field, and the TCL playing conditions Law 12.



Advance Cancellation of an Entire Day's Play

5. The competition manager 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 40 degrees or more.

Amendment to Playing Time

6. By monitoring 7-day temperature forecasts and seeking to maximise opportunities for play during times of extreme heat, competition managers may determine to instruct teams to commence play at a cooler time of day, for example 8.30am.

Competition manager will seek to provide teams with ample advance notice that an amendment to playing time may be imminent.

All participants in every match must strive to maximise playing opportunities.

Increased Drinks Breaks, Extended Intervals and Cessation of Play

7. When forecast temperature exceeding 32 degrees:

Prior to the start of play on any match day, the umpires 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.

Lightning

8. Play shall cease immediately in the event that a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later. Play shall not resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning flash. Immediately following the suspension of play, persons may enter the field of play in order to lay pitch covers.

However, no person may remain on, or enter, the field of play in the event a lightning flash is followed by thunder less than 30 seconds later and shall remain off the field of play for the duration of the period that play is suspended under this playing condition.