

DONCASTER ALL ABILITIES BASKETBALL INC

Climate policy

Purpose

This policy sets out the guidelines for conducting basketball games in the Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Inc (DAAB) competition when extremes of hot weather occur.

Background

All DAAB committee members are aware of the effect that extremes of weather can have on persons playing or attending basketball games. The managers of Mullum Mullum stadium together with the DAAB committee have put in place adequate contingencies for minimising risk to individuals, particularly when high temperatures are expected in the venue in which games are played.

Policy

Where high temperatures are expected, the DAAB Committee, together with the stadium managers will attempt to ensure:

- All persons attending are aware first aid equipment is available; its location and first aid is accessible to them;
- Advice is available to referees, other officials, coaches and players on effects of heat, symptoms of heat stress, the need for proper hydration and the facilities that are available to prevent or treat heat stress;
- All are instructed to be on the alert for any such symptoms;
- Referees are instructed to initiate regular extra time-outs during the game and to shorten the game, if necessary (see below);
- Players are made aware of the need to hydrate regularly before, during and after their game and that facilities are available for them to do so;
- Facilities are available for players and other persons to externally cool themselves with water or other facilities; and

On hot days, the competition manager liaises with Mullum Mullum Stadium management to ascertain court temperatures in each section (i.e. court 1- 2 and courts 3 – 5) while DAAB uses the stadium.

Guidelines for games:

When the temperature on court reaches 30°C, the competition manager is to consider implementing the timing rules set out below in relation to the playing of games and training. When the temperature on court reaches 35°C, court supervisors **must** implement these rules.

- The game time must be reduced by 2 minutes per half to 18 minutes with one team timeout per half for each team. The clock does not stop for each of these timeouts. In the event the coaches do not call a timeout as required, the referees will intervene and call a timeout and attribute them to the respective teams.
- The referee must call an additional compulsory timeout close to the half way mark in each half (9 minutes left to play). The clock **MUST** be stopped for these timeouts.
- The clock is **NOT** to be stopped for every whistle in the last minute of the second half.

When the temperature on court reaches 40°C, games must be abandoned.

If a game is abandoned:

- before it commences or before or at half time, then it is counted as a draw;
- after half time, then the game score at the time the game is abandoned stands as a final result.

Evaluation:

The DAAB Committee will review and evaluate this policy each time it conducts its policy review cycle.

Adopted:

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