

# SABL Heat Rule

## SABL Local Rules & Playing Conditions 59.4.11

### **SENIOR HEAT POLICY – Forecast Temperature 37 – 39 degrees.**

If the forecast temperature at 7 am on the morning of competition is **37, 38 or 39 degrees** as broadcast on any Radio Station (AM or FM) or as per the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Adelaide Forecast found at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml> then the following game limitations shall apply to all senior games.

#### **DIVISION 1 – Single Game**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

#### **DIVISION 1 – Double Header**

**Both Games to be** 7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

#### **DIVISION 1 – Twilight**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

#### **DIVISION 2 and below:**

5 innings or 90 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 75 minutes.

#### **MASTERS and WOMEN'S:**

5 innings or 90 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 75 minutes.

### **SENIOR HEAT POLICY – Forecast Temperature 40 degrees or above.**

If the forecast temperature at 7 am on the morning of competition is **40 degrees or above** as broadcast on any Radio Station (AM or FM) or as per the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Adelaide Forecast found at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml> then;

#### **SENIOR DIVISION 2 and below:**

**Cancelled** – Cancelled games will not be replayed.

#### **MASTERS and WOMEN'S:**

**Cancelled** – Cancelled games will not be replayed.

### **DIVISION 1 – Single Game**

#### **Game time moved to 11:00am**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

### **DIVISION 1 – Double Header**

#### **Game 1 - Game time moved to 11:00am**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

#### **Game 2 - Cancelled – to be rescheduled as a twilight**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

### **DIVISION 1 – Twilights**

7 innings or 120 minutes. No new innings to start after 120 minutes. Mercy Rule to apply – 10 runs in front after 5 innings or 90 minutes.

### **JUNIOR HEAT POLICY - Forecast Temperature 37 degrees or above.**

All junior baseball (Little League, U14, U16, U18) will be cancelled if the forecast temperature at 7am the morning of competition is 37 degrees or above as broadcast on Radio (AM or FM) or as per the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Adelaide Forecast found at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml>

Cancelled rounds will not be re-scheduled.

### **Junior Umpire/Official**

No Junior Umpire (17 years of age and under) may officiate in any game, both senior or junior, if the forecast temperature at 7am the morning of competition is 37 degrees or above as broadcast on Radio (AM or FM) or as per the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Adelaide Forecast found at: <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/adelaide.shtml>

### **Juniors playing Senior Baseball**

A Child/Junior (under age player) cannot participate in Senior Baseball when the forecast temperature is 37 degrees or above as stated on radio (AM or FM) or as per the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Adelaide Forecast found at:

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at 7am the morning of play without parent consent at time of registration obtained by the club.

During the hot weather every care must be taken to look after the Players, Coaches, Managers and Team Officials. Make sure that adequate water is available. Shade is mandatory and must be provided at all diamonds.

Caps/hats must be worn. Sunscreen is also encouraged to be supplied and applied.

**SHADE.**

The Board cannot see why each Club cannot provide even basic shade structures for all their diamonds.

If adequate shade is not supplied or erected within 20 minutes of game start time then the home team will lose the game 9 – 0, and be fined \$50 per offence. In these circumstances in Youth games (Little League/U14) the loss will be 7-0.

**Baseball SA Umpires/Officials – Heat Rule – Additional Requirements – 37 degrees and above**

- No Umpire will work 2 games behind the plate
- Minimum 2 minute break in between each half innings
- If any half innings extends beyond 20 minutes, there will be a mandatory 4 minute break
- **Home Team to provide a shade structure for the umpires.**
- In the event of a club base umpire appointed to a Division 1 Game, the BUASA appointed umpire can decide to umpire the game by himself from behind the pitcher, if he so desires.

If at any time, the plate umpire believes it is unsafe to play due to extreme heat conditions, then they have the ability to suspend or cancel the game – refer to SABL Local Rules Playing Conditions 59.6.5 and 59.7.1.