

## **SABL Heat Rule – 16 December 2011**

Junior Heat Policy to remain unchanged in SABL Local Rules Playing Conditions – 59.4.11

To be added

### **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).

### **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), 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) 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.

## **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.

### **59.6.5 - FYI**

## **ABANDONED ROUNDS. - ALL.**

### **DIVISION ONE**

Any round of Division One (afternoon or twilight fixtures) will be constituted as a complete round of matches **if four or more of the six games are played to a result. Furthermore should four be completed the other two will be rescheduled; if five are completed the remaining one will be rescheduled.**

Should only three or less than three games be played to a result, **then the entire round will be declared as a “No Round”.**

**59.6.1 In the event of inclement weather**

The plate umpire will be the **sole** judge as to whether a ground is fit for play to commence with the exception of the heat policy (rule 4.11).

**Remove as this is covered by 59.7.1**

**59.7 SUSPENDED GAMES - WEATHER - ALL**

**7.1 The Plate Umpire will be the sole judge** as to whether and when play shall be suspended during a game because of unsuitable weather conditions or an unfit playing field, and whether, and when, play will resume or be terminated.

**This includes extreme heat conditions.**

**7.2 With the exception of suspensions due to extreme heat conditions, the plate umpire will not call the game** until at least 30 minutes after he/she has suspended the game. He/she may continue the suspension as long as deemed necessary if there is a chance play may resume. In Time Limit games refer Rule 4.2 and 8.1.