

OPERATIONAL POLICY



**RUGBY
UNION SA**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY OPERATIONS
Lead Policy Title:	HOT WEATHER POLICY
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- This procedure is to be followed by all Clubs and Rugby Union SA

STEP BY STEP PROCEDURES

- Procedure for dealing with Hot Weather

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	<p>Where the maximum forecast temperature is predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology to exceed 35 degrees on a day scheduled for a match or a Rugby Union SA facilitated training session, the match or training session will be postponed. http://www.bom.gov.au/</p> <p>The decision to postpone a match or training session will be made by the Rugby Services Coordinator. The decision will be posted on the Rugby Union SA facebook page and each Club secretary will be contacted by <u>10am</u> on the day of scheduled match or training session <u>only</u> if postponement will occur. Any matches scheduled before 10am will be notified by 7am the day off match, only if postponement will occur.</p>	Referee/ Rugby Union SA
2	<p>Where the maximum forecast temperature is predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology to be between 30-35 degrees on a day scheduled for a match or Rugby Union SA facilitated training session, the match will commence with no more than two halves of 30 Min including injury time and there will be water breaks after approximately 15 minutes in each half, and the training session will consist of no longer than 60 minutes of activity with water breaks every 15 minutes.</p> <p>The decision to implement hot weather protocol to alter game times and training duration will be made by the Rugby Services Coordinator. The decision will be posted on the Rugby Union SA facebook page and each Club secretary will be contacted by 10am, on the day of the scheduled match or training session <u>only</u> if hot weather protocol will occur. Any matches scheduled before 10am will be notified by 7am <u>only</u> if the hot weather protocol will occur.</p>	Referee/ Team Manager/ Coach/ Rugby Union SA

OTHER INFORMATION

- Should the Referee at any time feel uncomfortable with the match proceeding due to the temperature they may call a break in play and postpone the match to be played at another time to be set by Rugby Union SA.
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- For more information on hot weather policies in sport, please view the [HOT WEATHER GUIDELINES](#) as set out by South Australian Sports Medicine Association

* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.