

PORT AUGUSTA TABLE TENNIS

HOT WEATHER POLICY

The Port Augusta Tabletennis Association has adopted the following guidelines regarding the playing of Table tennis in hot weather conditions, which relates to players and officials.

This policy relates to Tabletennis competitions that are scheduled from 5.30pm. On days when the actual temperature for Port Augusta is **38 degrees or higher** as at 3:00pm on the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) games shall be cancelled. It is the responsibility of Team Captains/Team Contacts and Team Members/Players to check the website to see if games are to be cancelled.

If there is any doubt, then it is highly recommended that the Team Captains/Contact and Players contact the Secretary and check to see if games have been cancelled. The responsibility to check game cancellations lies with the teams and players.

Irrespective of the predicted maximum temperature, the club committee should adopt the following as appropriate, in cases of hot weather:

Committee members should:

- ☐ Take steps to maximise airflow and reduce heat build-up in the hall,
- ☐ Make an assessment of playing conditions and advise relevant authorities.
- ☐ **Cancel or postpone games if playing conditions are considered unsafe.**

Committee members should:

- ☐ Ascertain whether any players have known medical conditions which may be affected by heat,
- ☐ Ensure that players take adequate fluid during the game,
- ☐ Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
- ☐ Ensure that players take adequate fluid before, during and after the game,
- ☐ Be alert and react to any signs of distress/potential distress in players,
- ☐ Ascertain whether players have medical conditions which may be affected by weather conditions

No-one should ever feel as though they must play if they believe it is unsafe or they are feeling distressed