

HOT WEATHER POLICY

- Purpose:** To reduce the risk of heat related illness to players.
- Scope:** This policy applies to all Club competitions.
- Responsibility:** The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring adherence to this policy.
- Procedure:** Should, at 4.00pm on the previous day, the Bureau of Meteorology predict that Murray Bridge's forecast temperature will be **38 degrees or over** the following conditions will apply for any Club competition.

All Club Competitions:

- General 18 Hole Competitions.
To be played as 18 hole Stableford events and will commence only between 7:00am – 9:00am off the 1st Tee Block or off the 10th Tee Block at the direction and discretion of the starter.
- 9 Hole Twilight Comps
Twilight Comps (includes WAGS & Night Owls COMPS) shall **only** be played if the Bureau of Meteorology's current Murray Bridge temperature reading at 3pm reduces to below 38 degrees.
- Pre-Arranged Corporate events – Open Events
Starting times to be commenced prior to 9am where possible and shall only be varied at the discretion of the Club Captain or Club Professional, thus allowing limited flexibility in reasonable extenuating circumstances.
(All corporate event administrators are to be made aware of this policy when negotiating bookings)
- Banning of all Ride-On Carts/Bikes (after 1pm)
When the above Hot Weather Policy is activated **NO** motorised 'Ride-On' carts of any description shall be allowed on the course outside competition times or at any time after 1pm. (This will include Ground-Staff maintenance vehicles)

- Note :** All players are advised to take sensible precautions when playing in hot weather and to please note the following tips:
- *Ensure you keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water;*
 - *Wear appropriate clothing to cover yourself from UV rays (ie wide brimmed hat, long sleeve top, etc.);*
 - *Always use an SPF 30+ sun screen;*
 - *Immediately inform your playing partners if you are experiencing any health problems.*

Change Mechanism: Management Committee resolution.

Reference: Management Committee minutes dated 1.4.2016.
Match Committee Minutes dated 5.2.2020.