

POLICY NUMBER 002

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POLICY AREA            Membership

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KEY WORDS    HEAT POLICY

**POLICY            INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Leongatha Golf Club recognize that differences in age, gender, and personal differences will affect an individual's tolerance to heat.

We emphasize that hydration before and during play is an important health measure for all golfers and is an individual responsibility. Golfers should carry an adequate supply of water and remember to drink it at regular intervals.

Alcohol, coffee and soft drinks may all contribute to dehydration and should be avoided before and during play in hot conditions.

**POLICY POINTS**

1. During the months of December to mid-March daily competitions shall start at 7 am or before, where possible, to avoid playing in the heat of the day.
2. All temperature recordings will be obtained from the Wonthaggi BOM and the Club's own external weather station.
3. If the temperature is forecast at the Wonthaggi BOM to exceed 35 degrees Celsius for women and 38 degrees Celsius for men or less for juniors, on the morning of the competition, the conditions must be monitored by the Manager via the Club's own external weather station.
4. If it is apparent that the temperature may exceed the recommended limits during the course of play, the competition may be reduced to nine holes or cancelled, whichever is the safest.
5. If the temperature reaches the recommended limit during the process of play as measured by the Club's external weather station, then the competition will be cancelled.
6. The respective Captains, or in their absence, the Manager on duty, will cancel or reduce the length of the competition if conditions are deemed to have the potential to be injurious to the health and wellbeing of the competitors in accordance with this Policy.
7. Where mixed events, including Board events are to be played, the decision to cancel the event will be made by the Men's and Women's Captains in consultation together. If either or both captains are unavailable, the decision will be made by the Manager on duty in accordance with this Policy.
8. Any member who continues to play or elects to play when the competition has been cancelled does so at their own risk.

9. On days of Red Fire Danger, the Course will be closed and play prohibited until the ban is lifted.
10. Members and staff are requested to read Policies on Fire Danger, Wind risk and inclement weather alerts in conjunction with this policy.
11. Members may not dispute the decisions of the Captains or Manager in relation to this policy. All decisions will be made to avoid injurious health conditions for the majority of players and are not subject to negotiation.