



## Skate SA Extreme Weather Policy

### BYLAW 4

## **Rationale**

This policy is provided for all Skate SA members in order to meet the following objectives in relation to extreme weather conditions, particularly in the case of hot weather, but also in other circumstances such as severe storms, electrical storms or extremely cold conditions.

1. To provide guidelines for members so that their duty of care responsibilities is acknowledged and addressed and to ensure that the Association has acted responsibly in these circumstances.
2. To establish structures and procedures to assist members in making decisions efficiently.
3. To establish consistency of practice.

For information on beating the Heat, go to:

<https://sma.org.au/resources-advice/policies-and-guidelines/hot-weather/>

## **Information**

- The heat policy should be available for viewing at each rink & on the Skate SA Web Site
- All coaches should be provided with information about hydration requirements by the Club at the point of registration

## **Extreme heat conditions**

If the forecast is less than Juniors 35° / Seniors 40° but conditions are thought extreme (ie build-up of continual days of heat), a blanket cancellation should be considered by the organizers regardless of the temperature. (Participants to contact the venue)

## **Indoors**

Skate SA's heat policy needs to be activated in conjunction with the heat policy of the venue & State Branch Risk Management Guidelines.

1. If indoor venue is air – conditioned & turned on
  - Competition/Training/Programs/Clinics may be held but all common sense needs to prevail
  - When the Competition/Training/Programs/Clinics are held, vigilance must be high, participants should be provided with sufficient hydration and modifications may be necessary
2. If indoor venue is not air-conditioned
  - Juniors - >35° all Skating/ILH events should be cancelled (as per the Advertiser)
  - Seniors - >40° all Skating/ILH events should be cancelled (as per the Advertiser)

## **Outdoors**

Whilst this policy encompasses all outdoor venues, it is necessary to consider each one individually when making a decision regarding various weather conditions. Any cancellations should be at the discretion of the organizer. (Participants to contact the venue/ organizer)

1. Skating / Games should be avoided between 11am – 3pm during the summer months, to avoid hot conditions
2. Ensure extended breaks are provided, in shade if possible, during the heat
3. Ensure fluids are readily available
4. Modify activities according to weather conditions
5. It is recognized that hail, lightning, rain etc. are likely to have a greater impact therefore all events outdoors should be cancelled.