



SACRAMENTO AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

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Sacramento Australian Football Club (SAFC) Heat & Air Quality Policies

****The policies outlined below only apply to events where the SAFC is the sole event coordinator. Events the SAFC participates in or puts on in conjunction with other organizations such as the USAFL, GGAFL or other organizations, are not subject to these policies.****

SAFC Heat Policy

The SAFC policy is to monitor predetermined weather sources (as outlined below) and cancel outdoor activities if extreme heat warnings are issued. If the heat ranges between 90 -100 degrees, additional measures (as outlined below) will be considered. In the event the temperature ranges 100 - 105 degrees during the scheduled event and/or extreme heat warnings have been issued by a reputable weather resource, the captains and league managers may decide to cancel or postpone scheduled events. In the event the temperature ranges 105-110 degrees, the SAFC board members would have discretion to cancel or postpone scheduled events. If the temperature exceeds 110 degrees during the scheduled event and an extreme heat warning has been issued, the SAFC will cancel the scheduled event.

SAFC Air Quality Policy

The SAFC policy is to monitor predetermined air quality sources (as outlined below) and will cancel outdoor activities if the air quality index (AQI) is projected to be in the "unhealthy/very unhealthy" (>150) category at the time of the scheduled event.

In the event the AQI ranges 100-150, the SAFC board members would have discretion to cancel or postpone scheduled events

Notification Process

Regarding same day events, the decision to cancel or postpone will be made around 1 pm and shared via email, social media outlets or direct text messages.

If the predicted air quality is not reached at the start of an event (using the predetermined source (as outlined below), an on field decision to cancel will be made by the league manager. In absence of the league manager, the operations director or other designated board member may make on field decisions. If the AQI is >150 (unhealthy for the general public) at the start of the scheduled event, the event will be cancelled.

Regarding morning events, the decision to cancel or postpone will be made the prior evening by 8pm and will be shared via email, social media or direct text messages.

Additional Measures

If the decision is made to follow through with a scheduled event, additional measures may be taken such as:

- Shorter Game Time
- Smaller Field
- Extra water breaks



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Decision Making Process (RADII model)

Responsible: League Manager or Operations Director

Align: Utilize established sources and protocol

Decide: See decision algorithm

Input: Captains, field umpires and players may communicate with responsible decision maker and agree to play despite policy, however games will not count for points

Inform: League manager informs team captains who then distribute information to players

Sources:

Heat Index:

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ca/sacramento>

Air Quality:

https://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_city&zipcode=95822&submit=Go

*Google AQI reported much lower than other websites and credibility is questioned.

History:

- In 2017, one SacFooty Summer League game was cancelled due to extreme heat conditions (>110 degrees). This game was not rescheduled and no points were recorded for or against any of the teams.
- 2018 SacFooty Summer League Round 2 was controversial as several sources stated AQI >150 at event start time (despite predictions made earlier in the day), Google reported AQI <90; a decision was made by players and captains present to proceed with the games. AQI policy had not been officially accepted into SAFC policies (was still in draft stage).

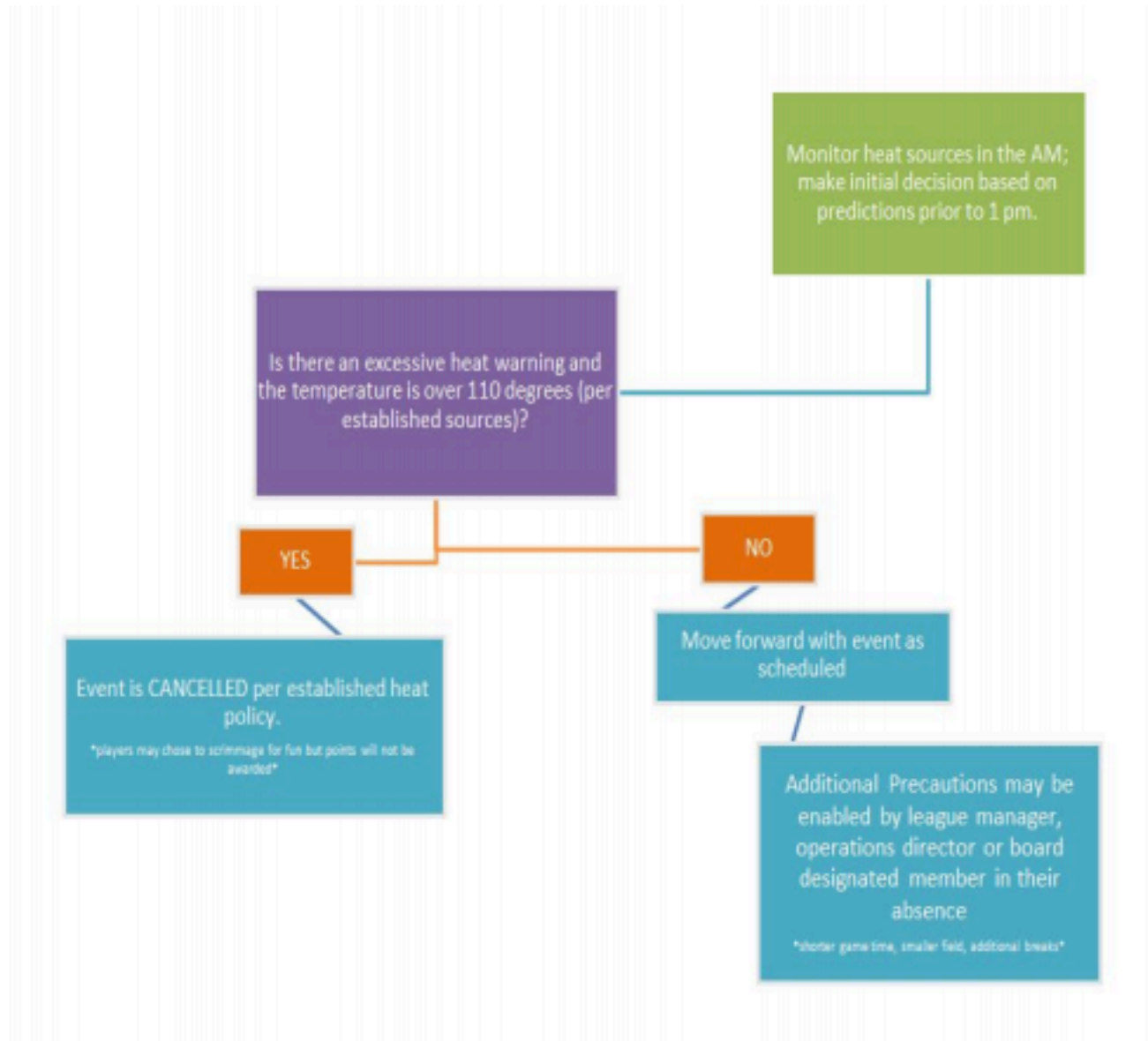
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Heat Decision Flowchart: EXAMPLE





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AQI Decision Flowchart: EXAMPLE

