



HOT WEATHER POLICY

The Belmont Little Athletics Centre Inc. is committed to providing a safe environment in which athletes can compete.

Purpose

For the Belmont Little Athletics Centre to implement strategies and procedures that will be followed in the event of hot weather having an impact on the scheduled competition programs.

Identification

1. In the week prior to the scheduled competition, for the Arena Manager is to monitor the forecast weather conditions, so as to ascertain the effect it may have on the proposed program.
2. The Arena Manager will use equipment to continually monitor the conditions on the day of competition.
3. **For morning competition:** if the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius then the Arena Manager, Chief Track Umpire, Chief Field Umpire and President of Belmont Little Athletics Centre, will take into account where the program is currently up to and what events remain before deciding if the program should be cancelled or conducted in a modified format.

For twilight competition: if the temperature is forecast to be in excess of 38 degrees Celsius at the scheduled start time of setup/competition then the Arena Manager, Executive and President of Belmont Little Athletics Centre will make a decision as to whether to delay the start of setup/competition until the temperature is forecast to fall below 38 degrees Celsius, by pushing the start time back by 1 hour or if the program should be cancelled or conducted in a modified format.

Note: All Clubs will be notified by 10am on competition day if any changes need to be made to the start time.

Notification

The Belmont Centre President will call a Club Managers meeting immediately after a decision is made in relation to the hot weather having an effect on the competition program, at which time all Clubs will be notified as to whether a cancelled meeting will take place or a modified program will run.

Recovery Strategy

The following initiatives shall be implemented in the event of hot weather having a bearing on competitions;

- Only conduct events that ensure the safety of athletes and officials is protected at all times.
- Where appropriate reschedule cancelled events to a later date.
- To make available on the day of a modified program an attendance sheet, that will indicate athletes participation on the day whilst not disadvantaging them in their qualification for Centre Championships, and the allocation of Club Championship Awards (1 point for all attending athletes) etc. in cancelled events.