



## WEATHER POLICY

Melbourne weather can be unpredictable and undulating. Extreme weather includes hot, cold and wet conditions. Football is played generally during the winter months however the club acknowledges that training, tournaments and matches may take place during all weather. Altona City Soccer Club has a duty of care to provide a safe environment for everyone involved in our activities. Players are expected to bring a water container to all training and matches; tap water is available in the club house for all.

### AIMS

This policy aims to ensure all participants, officials and spectators are protected from extreme weather throughout the year, and that we provide a sporting environment that supports safety awareness and practices. This policy applies to all participants, officials, members and or spectators at any time whilst on our grounds.

### PROCEDURE

Any decisions to cancel play on match days will be taken by the facilities Manager and/or Vice President. This will be communicate to the relevant Team managers and Coaches as soon as practicable.

No minimal temperature for play or training is defined; however coaches of younger age groups are expected to act with their own discretion. Training for junior ages is not recommended to take place when the temperature exceeds 35 degrees. During warm weather training all squads will be encouraged to utilise areas of shade wherever practicable.

In line with FIFA and FA guidelines additional 90 second drink break will be added to each half when the wet globe temperature reaches 32degree Celsius.

For safety NO PLAY or TRAINING will take place when lightening is occurring.

Thunderstorm asthma warning will be considered as a measure for not continuing training or matches.

Sun protection measures when planning outdoor events will be offered by way of ensuring areas of shade are available and encourage participants, officials and spectators to utilise the shade. Encourage people to bring their own umbrellas and shade tents.

All players and spectators are reminded to apply sunscreen. It is responsibility or the individual to provide this. Coaches will NOT apply sunscreen directly to players. Parents/Guardians should ensure sunscreen is appropriately applied to all players U18.

All officials, coaches, trainers and adult members of the club to act as positive role models for younger members in all aspects of sun safe behaviour.