

Extreme Heat Policy

Should the forecast (BOM.GOV.AU) Sunbury temp at 6:00pm on the evening before the day of competition be **40 degrees** or more, any major competition shall be transferred to another date or possibly cancelled. This includes any/all board/trophy type events, and medal rounds.

Match play events can be played with the agreement of both parties. If delayed the match must be completed before the next scheduled round.

The course will remain open and a handicap event will be available, the event will be known as an EXTREME HEAT RISK PAR EVENT. Par is chosen for these events to potentially reduce playing time and reduce risk.

The words EXTREME HEAT RISK will appear on the entry kiosk and on your score card, by entering this event members are confirming that they have been informed of the risk and that they understand and accept the risk related to playing in high temperatures.

Members are reminded to take appropriate measures such as extra hydration, shade, sun coverings, cooling towels, water spray, motorised cart etc to reduce their risk of heat related illness or injury

Should the Sunbury temp reach **43 degrees** or more the course will be closed until temp reaches safe levels as determined by the Manager on the day.

1. The club has a duty of care to its members and staff and seeks to take a reasonable approach to days of extreme heat.
2. The club is cognisant of advice given by Golf Victoria and Sports Medicine Australia and expressed in Golf Victoria Heat Policy.
3. The club is concerned for the health and well-being of all its members and staff.
4. The club is concerned for any possible litigation arising from a heat related condition.
5. Major competitions are deferred/transferred so that no members will be disadvantaged by playing in or choosing not to play in extreme heat. E.G. Afternoon vs morning players, those with health or fitness issues over others without such conditions.
6. The club understands that many players really look forward to what in many cases is their one game per week and will support these members by providing a handicap event. At the same time the club strongly recommends against being out on the course at the peak temperature times and strongly recommends members take actions to protect themselves from the risk of heat related illness or injury, such as extra hydration, shade, sun coverings, cooling towels, water spray, motorised cart etc.
7. Competition Tee times will remain open, as a courtesy to others, members are requested to cancel their booking if they do not wish to play, so other members do not show up with no one to play with.
8. In the vast majority of cases the extreme heat in Sunbury does not occur until late in the afternoon and sometimes evening.
9. Members are advised that on days of extreme heat, course staff may be involved in additional watering of greens and other areas susceptible to heat stress.