Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

**Rationale**

The health and well-being of all players during any competition is an important priority of the Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club. We also have a responsibility to minimize the impact of inclement weather on players, supporters and other volunteers.

**Aims**

To provide an environment where players are safe from the risk of inclement weather.

To reduce the risk to players of the effects of the sun or heat.

To reduce the risk to players of inclement weather, or wet and slippery courts.

To protect the grass courts from over-use or damage during or after heavy rainfall or extreme

temperatures.

**Implementation**

**Heat Rule:**

All Pennant Competitions: The Match Committee or designated Club Officers will determine the

ambient temperature at the courts, 15 minutes prior to the start of play, using the standard

established at the commencement of the season. If the temperature is 40 degrees or higher, then

players will be notified that all matches will be six game sets. Less than 40 degrees then sets remain

at 8 game sets.

The thermometer will be checked on the hour and half hour during the day. If the temperature

reaches 40 degrees after the start of play then players will be notified over the P.A. that the sets

people are playing will be completed to 8, but any new set will be played to six. If the temperature

drops below 40 degrees then the sets will still be played to 6.

If the temperature reaches 43 degrees then tennis will be cancelled for the day.

If the temperature is below 40 degrees yet the Match Committee believes the humidity is too high or

other weather conditions may affect the health of our members, they can reduce the sets to 6 games

or cancel tennis.

**Wet or Inclement Weather Rule:**

If in the opinion of the Club President and the Co-ordinator of the specific competition, the courts

are too sodden or slippery for play, the weather inclement or wet, the competition will be suspended

or cancelled. This will apply to all pennant competitions, including Saturday Morning Junior

Pennant. In the case of Saturday afternoon Pennant, the Match Committee Chairperson will be

considered the Co-ordinator.

A recorded message will be placed on the Club’s telephone informing any callers of the

modification to play.

Where appropriate the cancellation of any competitions will be broadcast over 3NE and Edge FM.

The Heat Rule will be incorporated into the By-Laws of the Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

**Conclusion**

The Match Committee will have the ultimate discretion during any pennant competition to modify

or alter the conditions of play.

The standard for establishing the ambient temperature at the Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Courts is the

gazetted temperature broadcast each half hour at the Myrtleford weather station. This can be accessed on the

Internet at: http://www.bom.gov.au

This policy shall be reviewed each year.