

# SWVA ELITE BASEBALL HEAT POLICY

SWVA Elite Baseball has adopted the following heat index policy guidelines for Tournament Play. They have been established to ensure the safety and welfare of all players, coaches, and umpires. The heat index will be monitored by the Tournament Directors in the event we are experiencing high temperatures. AccuWeather will be the official platform used to determine the Heat Index. Each game will be played following the below guidelines.

## Heat Index Guidelines

100° or below: Play under normal conditions

101° - 105°: Possibly shorten game length times

Ensure water breaks are allowed as needed

Monitor players, coaches and Umpires

106° - 111.9°: Shorten game length times to no more than 145 minutes with discretion to shorten to 130 if needed.

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112° or higher: Game(s) suspended until the heat index is below 112°

The Heat Index temperature is an index that describes what the temperature really feels like. It is a unique composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body--everything that affects how warm or cold a person feels.

\*\* When high heat conditions are expected SWVA will attempt to deploy 3 umpires at each venue. This will allow a rotation system for those umpires. This will also provide extra overview on the field to monitor player and coach's physical conditions. An umpire will have the authority to consult with the Tournament Director anytime they feel an unsafe environment is present.