## Under 95 degrees Heat Index

# "Green Flag"

#### \*All Sports

- Provide ample amounts of water. This means that water should always be available at regular intervals and athletes should be able to take in as much water as they desire.
- Optional water breaks approximately every 30 45 minutes for approximately 10 minutes duration.
- > Ice-down towels for cooling.
- > Watch / monitor athletes carefully for necessary action.

#### 95 - 99 degrees Heat Index

#### \*All Sports

- > Provide ample amounts of water. This means that water should always be available at regular intervals and athletes should be able to take in as much water as they desire.
- > Optional water breaks approximately every 30 45 minutes for approximately 10 minutes duration.
- > Ice-down towels for cooling.
- > Watch / monitor athletes carefully for necessary action.

## "Yellow Flag"

#### \*Contact Sports

- > Helmets and other possible equipment removed if not involved in contact or necessary for safety.
- > Reduce time of outside activity. **RECOMMENDATION:** Practice should not exceed 2-1/2 hours. Consider moving practice to morning or later in the day.
- > Re-check temperature and heat index approximately every 30 minutes to monitor for increased risks.

## 100 - 105 degrees Heat Index

#### \*All Sports

- > Provide ample amounts of water. This means that water should always be available at regular intervals and athletes should be able to take in as much water as they desire.
- > Optional water breaks approximately every 30 45 minutes for approximately 10 minutes duration.
- > Ice-down towels for cooling.
- > Watch / monitor athletes carefully for necessary action.
- > Alter uniforms by removing items where feasible.
- > Allow for changes to dry T-shirts and shorts.
- > Reduce time of outside activity as well as indoor activity if air conditioning is not available.

  RECOMMENDATION: Practice length should be 2 hours or less. Consider moving practice to morning or later in the day. Limited conditioning.

# "Red Flag"

## \*Contact Sports and Activities With Additional Equipment

- > Helmets and other possible equipment removed if not involved in contact or necessary for safety. **RECOMMENDATION:** Football wears helmets, t-shirts and shorts.
- > Re-check temperature and heat index approximately every 30 minutes for increased risks.

# Above 105 degrees Heat Index

# "Black Flag"

## \*All Sports

Stop all outside activity in practice and / or play and stop all inside activity if air conditioning is unavailable.