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VLTC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The health and safety of the players, volunteers and members are important priorities of the Vittoriosa Lawn Tennis Club (VLTC). In this respect we aim to minimise the impact of inclement weather by aiming to provide an environment where players are safe from the effects of, in particular, sun/heat, wet/slippery courts and over-used/damaged courts. In this respect, the following policy shall apply:

1. The Tournament Referee or the Tournament Organiser (designated by the VLTC) will determine the **weather conditions at the Club at least one hour** prior to the start of play, and the conditions could be re-checked after commencement of play;
2. If the **temperature reaches (or is highly forecasted to reach or reaches after commencement of play) 42° centigrade, and/or the wind force is 6 on the Beaufort scale or higher**, then matches will be cancelled for the day;
3. If the Tournament Referee or the Tournament Organiser (designated by the Club) believe that **any other weather conditions** may affect the health and safety of the players, volunteers and members, they can cancel the matches;
4. In the case of competitions including **junior players**, the Tournament Referee or the Tournament Organiser (designated by the VLTC) may take a decision to cancel the matches for the day or to reduce the sets/games even when lower temperatures and wind conditions are in force;
5. The **standard for establishing these weather conditions** at the VLTC is the broadcast of the Malta International Airport (<https://www.maltairport.com/weather/>).

Notwithstanding this policy, the Tournament Referee or the Tournament Organiser (designated by the VLTC) have the ultimate discretion to overrule or alter the policy at any time if they deem fit and shall communicate the decision via SMS and/or the Club's website and/or on social media.

This VLTC Inclement Weather Policy will form part of the Health and Safety Policy which is an integral part of the Statute of the Club. This policy shall be reviewed from time to time by the Club Committee.

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