



## **CLUB Development**

### **Sunsmart Policy**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with 2 out of 3 people experiencing some form of skin cancer during their lifetime.

It is acknowledged that skin cancer is a preventable disease and that a preventative strategy will be implemented by Football Federation Victoria.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The goals of the SunSmart Policy are to:

- a) increase participant and community awareness of skin cancer
- b) assist clubs to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about sun protection
- c) work towards a safe environment which provides shades for participants where possible, and spectators
- d) encourage clubs, participants, spectators and officials to wear protective clothing hats and sun screen during high risk times
- e) ensure that clubs are informed of Football Federation Victoria SunSmart Policy

#### **POLICY**

Where possible Football Federation Victoria is committed to:

Selecting sites which provide shade for officials, spectators and participants and where natural shade does not exist, try to provide portable shade or encourage individuals to bring their own.

Recommending that officials (and participants when practical) wear sun protective clothing including: wide brimmed or legionnaires hat, long sleeved shirt with collar, sunglasses and 15+ sunscreen.

Making 15+ sunscreen available for use by officials and where practical, for participants and spectators.

Scheduling events and training to avoid the hours between 11 am and 3pm (daylight savings time).

Providing sunscreen and hats for sale during the event.

Making public announcements at events to remind patrons about the importance of sun protection.

## **EVALUATION**

The SunSmart Policy will be reviewed as necessary to ensure that the document remains current and practical to Football Federation Victoria's requirements.

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