



SunSmart Sports policy

Palmyra Drag Racing Club's SUNSMART policy

The following policy is in place to help Palmyra Drag Racing Club minimise the risks of overexposure to UV.

Rationale

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the main cause of skin cancer. UV damage also causes sunburn, tanning, premature ageing and eye damage. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians will develop some form of skin cancer before the age of 70.

Sunburn and other UV damage is common while playing or watching sport, when people are exposed to the sun's UV radiation for long periods of time.

Sporting clubs and organisations have a responsibility under health and safety legislation to provide and maintain a safe working environment for staff, volunteers, players and spectators. By minimising UV harms, you will help to fulfil this obligation and duty of care.

Sun protection times

- The sun protection times from the Bureau of Meteorology forecast the time of day UV levels are due to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types.
- A combination of sun protection measures are needed during the daily local sun protection times.
- To assist with the implementation of this policy, club officials, coaches and participants are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au, on the free SunSmart app or SunSmart widget (on the club website)

Where it is not possible to avoid peak UV and heat periods, the following interim steps are taken to minimise the risk of overexposure to UV and heat illness:

- Entrants are encouraged to stay in pit areas in the shade when not required in the staging lanes
- Activities start earlier in the morning or later in the evening.
- Rest breaks and opportunities to seek shade and rehydrate are increased for volunteers
- Officials rotate out of the sun more frequently than usual.
- Officials/volunteer members act as role models by wearing sun-protective clothing and hats, applying sunscreen and seeking shade wherever possible.

Sun protection measures

1. Clothing

- Sun-protective clothing is recommended by officials and volunteers.
- Where the competition uniform does not provide adequate sun protection, participants are reminded to apply SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to all exposed skin and wear covering clothing when possible.

2. Sunscreen

- SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum is promoted and/or available for volunteers to use or to purchase from the canteen.
- Spectators are encouraged to apply sunscreen.
- Sunscreen is stored below 30°C and replaced once it is past the use-by date.
- Participants are encouraged to apply a generous amount of sunscreen (the equivalent of one teaspoon per limb).
- Posters showing correct usage on display

3. Hats

- Wide-brimmed or bucket hats recommended.
- Caps and visors do not provide adequate sun protection to the face, ears and neck and are not recommended for extended sun protection but may be used, in combination with sunscreen on parts of skin not covered, as an interim measure for on-field play or training.



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4. Shade

- When not racing or between individual events, participants are able to rest in shaded individual pit areas.
- Where there is insufficient natural or built shade, temporary shade structure brought in by participants are encouraged (e.g. tents or umbrellas).
- Shade from buildings, trees and other structures is used where possible (e.g. marshalling areas, spectator areas).
- Briefings & presentation ceremony areas are protected by shade.

5. Sunglasses

- Participants are advised to wear sunglasses that meet the Australian standard (AS/NZS 1067:2016).

Education and information

- The times when sun protection is required (as determined by SunSmart's daily local sun protection times) are communicated to participants and spectators.

Review

- This SunSmart policy will be reviewed regularly.
- This policy was last updated on 29th September 2020.
- Next policy review: 01st October 2021

Relevant documents and links

- **SunSmart:** sunsmart.com.au
- **SunSmart widget:** sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget
- **SunSmart app:** sunsmart.com.au/app
- **Heat and UV Guide:** sunsmart.com.au/downloads/communities/sports-clubs/uv-exposure-heat-illness-guide.pdf
- **Shade audit:** sunsmart.com.au/shade-audit/
- **Australian Government Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) – Australian regulatory guidelines for sunscreens: 4. Labelling and advertising – directions for use of the product**
- **ARPANSA Radiation Protection Standard for Occupational Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation (2006)**
- **Safe Work Australia: [Guidance Note – Sun protection for outdoor workers](#) (2016)**

For more information contact SunSmart:

W: sunsmart.com.au

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