Kestrel Heat Index Reference Guide

Note: Geat index guidelines make the following assumptions:

- » The person is 5'7", 147 lbs
- » Clothing: long trousers and short-sleeved shirt
- » Internal body temperature: 98.6°F

OSHA Heat Index Guidelines

HEAT INDEX	RISK LEVEL	PROTECTIVE MEASURES
Less than 91°F	Lower(Caution)	Basic heat safety and planning
91 to 103 °F	Moderate	Drink ~4 cups of water/hour Take breaks as needed
103 to 115 °F	High	Drink water every 15-20 minutes Take frequent breaks Schedule heavy work tasks when the heat index is lower
Greater than 115 °F	Very hight to extreme	Drink water frequently Reschedule non-essential heavy work if possible Alert workers to heat index for the day and identify precations in place including who to call for medical help

This guidance is available online at www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index

!! WARNING!!

These Heat Index Reference Guidelines are summarized from well-regarded published papers, policies and position statements relating to preventing heat injury. These guidelines are provided for reference only and do not constitute medical advice.

These Guidelines and your Kestrel Heat Stress product must be employed with care and good judgment. Please remember that certain individuals are more susceptible to exertional heat stress and the Kestrel products are environmental meters, not a medical device. For more information on heat stress injury prevention, visit heatstress.com

When in doubt, be conservative, reduce work time, and increase rest and hydration.

Heat Index Chart

Use the chart below to assess the potential severity of heat stress. The chart should be used as a guideline only-individual reactions to the heat will vary among your athletes!

- Across the top of the chart, locate the ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURE, i.e. the air temperature.
- Down the left side of the chart, locate the RELATIVE HUMIDITY.
- Follow across and down to find the APPARENT TEMPERATURE (HEAT INDEX). The apparent temperature is the combined index of heat and humidity. It is an index of the body's sensation of heat caused by the temperature and humidity (the reverse of the "wind chill factor").

HEAT INDEX											
ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURE (°F)											
	70°	75°	80°	85°	90°	95°	100°	105°	110°	115°	120°
Relative Humidity	Apparent Temperature *										
0%	64°	69°	73°	78°	83°	87°	91°	95°	99°	103°	107°
10%	65°	70°	75°	80°	85°	90°	95°	100°	105°	111°	116°
20%	66°	72°	77°	82°	87°	93°	99°	105°	112°	120°	
30%	67°	73°	78°	84°	90°	96°	104°	113°	123°		
40%	68°	74°	79°	86°	93°	101°	110°	123°			
50%	69°	75°	81°	88°	96°	107°	120°				
60%	70°	76°	82°	90°	100°	114°					
70%	70°	77°	85°	93°	106°	124°					
80%	71°	78°	86°	97°	113°						
90%	71°	79°	88°	102°	122°						
100%	72°	80°	91°	108°							

^{*}Combined index of heat and humidity...what it "feels like" to the body. Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Recommended Modifications to Athletic Participation Based on the Heat Index

APPARENT TEMPERATURE	HEAT STRESS RISK WITH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND/OR PROLONGED EXPOSURE
90°-104°	Heat cramps or heat exhaustion possible Modify practice; take water breaks every 15 to 20 minutes.
105°-124°	Heat cramps or heat exhaustion likely. Heatstroke possible Modify practice. NO HELMET OR SHOULDER PADS, t-shirt and shorts only; frequent (every 15 minutes) water and rest breaks.
>125°	Heat stroke highly likely Recommend NO PRACTICE!

Note: This Heat Index chart is designed to provide general guidelines for assessing the potential severity of heat stress. Individual reactions to heat will vary. It should be remembered that heat illness can occur at lower temperatures than indicated on the chart. In addition, studies indicate that susceptibility to heat disorders tends to increase with age.

Contact your local weather line, the National Wether Service, or weather.com for current temperature and humidity.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service Heat Index

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	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	128	136					
70	83	86	90	95	100	105	112	119	126	134						
75	84	86	92	97	103	109	116	124	132							
80	84	89	94	100	106	113	121	129								
85	85	90	96	102	110	117	126	135								
90	86	91	98	105	113	122	131									
95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
100	87	95	103	112	121	132										

TEMPERATURE (°F)

LIKELIHOOD OF HEAT DISORDERS WITH PROLONGED EXPOSURE OR STRENUOUS ACTIVITY

Korey Stringer Institute's Recommendations Based on NOAA's Heat Index Chart

ALERT LEVEL	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
RED- EXTREME DANGER	Cancel and/or postpone activity to cooler time of the day.
ORANGE- DANGER	Maximum of 1 hour of training. Consider postponing activity to cooler time of the day. Schedule at least 4 rest breaks of 4 minutes each within the hour. Recheck the environmental condition every 30 minutes to monitor for changes. Have cooling stations for before, during and after exercise. No additional conditioning allowed in the same day.
GOLD- EXTREME CAUTION	Maximum of 2 hour of training. Consider postponing activity to cooler time of the day. Schedule at least 4 rest breaks of 4 minutes each within each hour, or a 10 minute break every 30 minutes of training. Recheck the environmental condition every 30 minutes to monitor for changes. Have cooling stations for before, during and after exercise.
BRIGHT YELLOW- CAUTION	Optional water breaks every 30 minutes for 10 minutes in duration. Coordinate breaks with assigned contest officials. Preparation of cooling modalities (example: ice towels) is recommended.

CAUTION

DANGER

EXTREME CAUTION

EXTREME DANGER