

Unfavourable Weather Policy

The following is provided as a guide for members, clubs and other participants, conducting and participating in athletics events. Athletics WA reminds all parties that they should act responsibly and also encourage everyone involved in the sport to be conscious of their own personal health and safety at all times.

This Policy relates to all events conducted by Athletics WA, affiliated clubs or AWA sanctioned events.

Cancellation and suspension of events;

Where participants, officials or spectator safety is considered at risk, event(s) may be cancelled or suspended. This might relate to an entire meeting program or elements thereof (e.g. hurdles; high jump).

Conditions which may cause events to be cancelled, suspended or modified include:

- Extreme temperatures
- Fog
- Frost, hail and ice
- Flooding
- Snow
- Fierce winds
- Thunder storm (lightning)
- Torrential rain

It is recognised that conditions, duration, impact, etc. may vary from venue to venue and a prescriptive policy is not proposed. The underlying principle will always be safety first while also looking to minimise any inconvenience caused to travelling participants.

Commonsense will apply at all times and athletes and other participants should always be conscious of the likelihood of unfavourable weather impacting events. Accordingly, participants should familiarise themselves with where and how to obtain relevant information.

Making the decision;

The decision to cancel, suspend or modify events will be the sole responsibility of one the following:

Competition Manager;
Event Director;
Meet Manager; and
Venue Manager / representative.

Weighing up all relevant factors decisions will be made and communicated at the earliest possible opportunity.

Communication / notification;

Timing and nature of the event will determine the best method of communication to participants. However, every effort will be made to provide information via Athletics WA website or social media outlets.

Athletics WA endeavours to act reasonably at all times and accepts no responsibility for actions and events beyond its control and for the consequences of actions taken in good faith, for the overall health and safety of participants, administrators, officials, spectators, at all Athletics WA related events.

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