

2021 AMG Inclement Weather Policy

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Policy Objective

The aim of this policy is to outline the process and procedures for inclement weather whereby postponement of, changes to or cancellation of a sport competition, sport special event and/or sport medal ceremony may occur during the Australian Masters Games (AMG).

Policy Key Principles

1. AMG and Sport Convenors are responsible for the delivery of a safe and enjoyable sporting competition for all participants. In the event of inclement weather, Sport Convenors must ensure that the playing field/competition area and playing conditions remain safe for competitors, officials and volunteers.
2. Inclement weather may be one or more of the following:
 - a. Lightning (i.e. storm)
 - b. Heavy rain, hail or snow
 - c. High winds
 - d. Extreme heat
 - e. Extreme cold
 - f. Heavy fog or frost
 - g. Flooding, etc.
3. In determining the best course of action for venues/sports that are affected by inclement weather, Sport Convenors must consider the relevant rules of the sport, the sporting body's inclement weather policies, risk management plans and sports medicine policies and advice.
4. Sport Convenors are required to notify their AMG Sport Coordinator, should they be considering postponing or cancelling a scheduled AMG event to discuss the options available, best course of action and method of informing participants.
5. In extreme heat, the Hot Weather Guidelines should be followed, as outlined in the AMG Sports Medicine Plan.
6. AMG Sport Coordinators are responsible for the internal communication of such changes to all AMG Workforce functional areas. AMG Sport Coordinators must also ensure any updates to AMG website information or other relevant participant communication platforms are processed in a timely manner.

Procedures/Processes

Initial postponement of competition due to inclement weather

1. In the event that it is deemed necessary to postpone competition by more than one (1) hour, Sport Convenors are required to advise their AMG Sport Coordinator of the weather forecast, field of play conditions, and likelihood of resumption of the event within the same day.
2. Sport Convenors are to instruct all participants to remain at the venue for further updates.
3. Sport Convenors are to monitor conditions and estimate the likelihood of resumption of competition within the same day of play based on all of the information available to them.
4. Sport Convenors are to then use the following guidelines to determine the best course of action to proceed with the competition.

Resumption of competition within the same day

1. If the inclement weather passes and the competition is able to be resumed safely within a reasonable period of time, with minimal disruptions to the event schedule and/or draw, the Sport Convenor is to manage the impacts of the delay at the venue. This may include but not be limited to the following.
 - a. Shortening of games/matches/events duration if within the sport specific rules.
 - b. Using additional fields of play at the venue if available and resourcing permits.
 - c. Using lights if available at the venue to extend the day's play to complete that day's scheduled events.

Cancellation of affected day's competition

1. If the inclement weather does not pass and the competition is not able to be resumed safely within a reasonable period of time, the Sport Convenor is to manage the process of advising participants of the cancellation of the remainder of the day's competition and proceed to plan for the balance of the competition to be completed within the remaining scheduled days of competition. This may include but not be limited to:
 - a. Shortening of games/matches/events duration for the remainder of the competition if within the sport specific rules.
 - b. Using additional fields of play if available at the venue for the remainder of the competition.
 - c. Using lights if available at the venue to extend the remaining days of play to complete the competition.
2. Refer to Sport Competition Schedule/Draw Change Policy for Sport Convenor and AMG responsibilities.
3. The Sport Convenor must make all reasonable efforts to complete the competition within the originally scheduled days of competition.

Cancellation of entire competition

1. If the inclement weather does not pass for an extended period of days and the competition is not able to be resumed safely within the originally scheduled days of competition, the Sport Convenor is to work with AMG to manage the process of advising participants of the cancellation of the remainder of the competition.

Related Documentation

- AMG Risk Management Plan
- AMG Sports Medicine Plan
- AMG Sport Agreement
- AMG Event Riders
- Sports Medicine Hot Weather Guidelines
- Relevant AMG Sport Rules
- Relevant AMG Sport Inclement Weather Policies
- Relevant AMG Sport Risk Management Plans

Related Policies

- AMG Refund Policy
- AMG Media Policy
- AMG Sport Competition Schedule/Draw Change Policy
- AMG Sport Schedule/Draw & Results Policy
- AMG Incident Reporting Policy
- AMG Games Communications Policy
- AMG Sports Medicine Policy
- AMG Registration Terms and Conditions